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LA PALMA

To a wonderful girl!! We have had more fun at those slumber parties. Let's keep up the good times next year. You're tops with me.

Betty Lee

To a nice girl
Lots of luck
Patricia H.D.

To a swell kid
I like to see you
Best of luck
to a swell gal
Jimmy Kelly
Fizzell

To a swell and cute gal!
Betty Blanton

Lots of Luck to a
swell Gal.
Remember
dear ole English
!!
Mary
Catherine

Loretta,
You're a very
smart and sweet
girl. You'll always
be tops.
Best Luck
Betty Lou

To a swell
kid
Keep up
the good
work.
Fred

Best of luck
to you Sheldo.
Watch those boys.
Edward Lange
C.D.

Dear Loretta,
You're really a swell kid.
Much success to you in your chosen career.
Eugene Rowland

Sound morality is a social virtue,
rather than a religious virtue.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Hill

To Loretta, a swell girl, I give my best wishes.

Burton Tidwell

To the best drum major I have ever seen. I've yet to see more daylight between your feet and the ground than I have. Next year we'll be really having a party. Love to Loretta

Is the best drum-major you've ever seen! Best of luck in the world to you.
Ernie Mae

To a Wonderful
Drum Major
Best of Luck
Richard Sparks

Dear Lar-
If I had an extra nickel
and I didn't know Jess
I'd say you were a
swell gal - But good luck:
Carl
Arnold Henry

good luck always
and hope you keep
on looking as good
as you
do
Pat
Klug

Dear Loretta,
you are a
swell kid and lots
of fun; especially when
you tell those dirty jokes
Good luck
Don
Chandler

Best wishes for always.
Danny Klug

Good luck and
best of everything to
you Loretta. You're cute and
talented and sure to go places.
Best of luck
always to a
swell girl!
Dolly

Sally

Dear Loretta,
You're very
nice and
have many friends.
Best Wishes,
Bobby Schupp

Dear Loretta,
You're a swell girl
and I wish you
lots of luck.
Love,
Gwendolyn

Dear Loretta,
You're a swell girl
and I wish you
lots of luck &
success in
everything you do.
Remember me
when you're
a star.
Al Jenkins

Dear Loretta,
You have really contributed a great deal to make this year. We don't know what we would have done without you!
We enjoyed you very much, and you've done outstanding work for me.
Sincerely,
Louise Black

Never will I forget the banquet! Bet you won't either. May you have the best in life Loretta. I've enjoyed the last year greatly, and you've made it even more so.
Hal Potts

My Dear Miss Shields;
My astounding acquaintance with you has left me entirely better suited for after life. Remember, above all things that, Schmoe is watching you and 'hup-two-tree-four.
Sincerely,
Your lil' ole pal,
Larry

Loretta, you have been a very nice friend. I wish you the best life can give you.
Jeanie Carter

Dearest Loretta,
We certainly have enjoyed (?) your this year. You haven't changed one bit. Please don't.
Jackie

P.S. Be good.

Dearest Loretta
You are a peach and one of the sweetest girls I know. May the best life offers be yours. Pattie Potts

Loretta,

I could throw dozens of roses your way and still not say enough nice things.

Your personality and capability are both outstanding.

G. R.'s will be very successful next year under your leadership.

Jean Lorton

Loretta, you're really a swell girl. I've enjoyed having you and hope to see you next year. Have a swell vacation.

Buck Smiley

Best wishes to a swell Band Major. Luck to you always.

Jackie Tapp

Dear Loretta,
You really are a beautiful student.
Best Wishes,
Mrs. Robertson.

Loretta, you're a swell girl & I've enjoyed having you in class. I hope you have a swell summer vacation.

Margie

Loretta,
You are such a pleasure to work with that I sincerely hope we may have a chance to work together again next year.
Best wishes,
Mr. Lyon

Loretta,
Thanks for being such a swell Majorette. I've enjoyed working with you this year & hope we may be together

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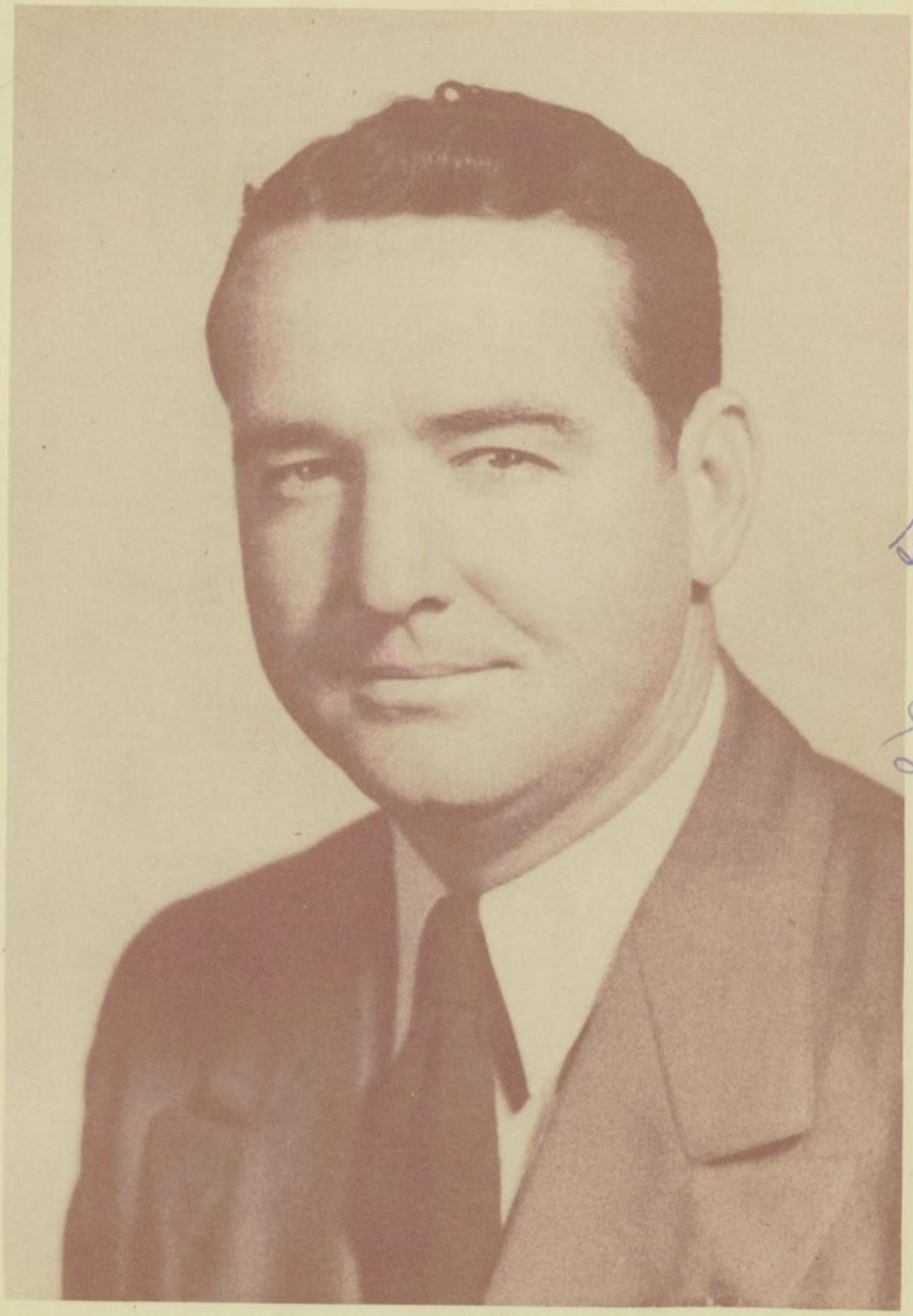
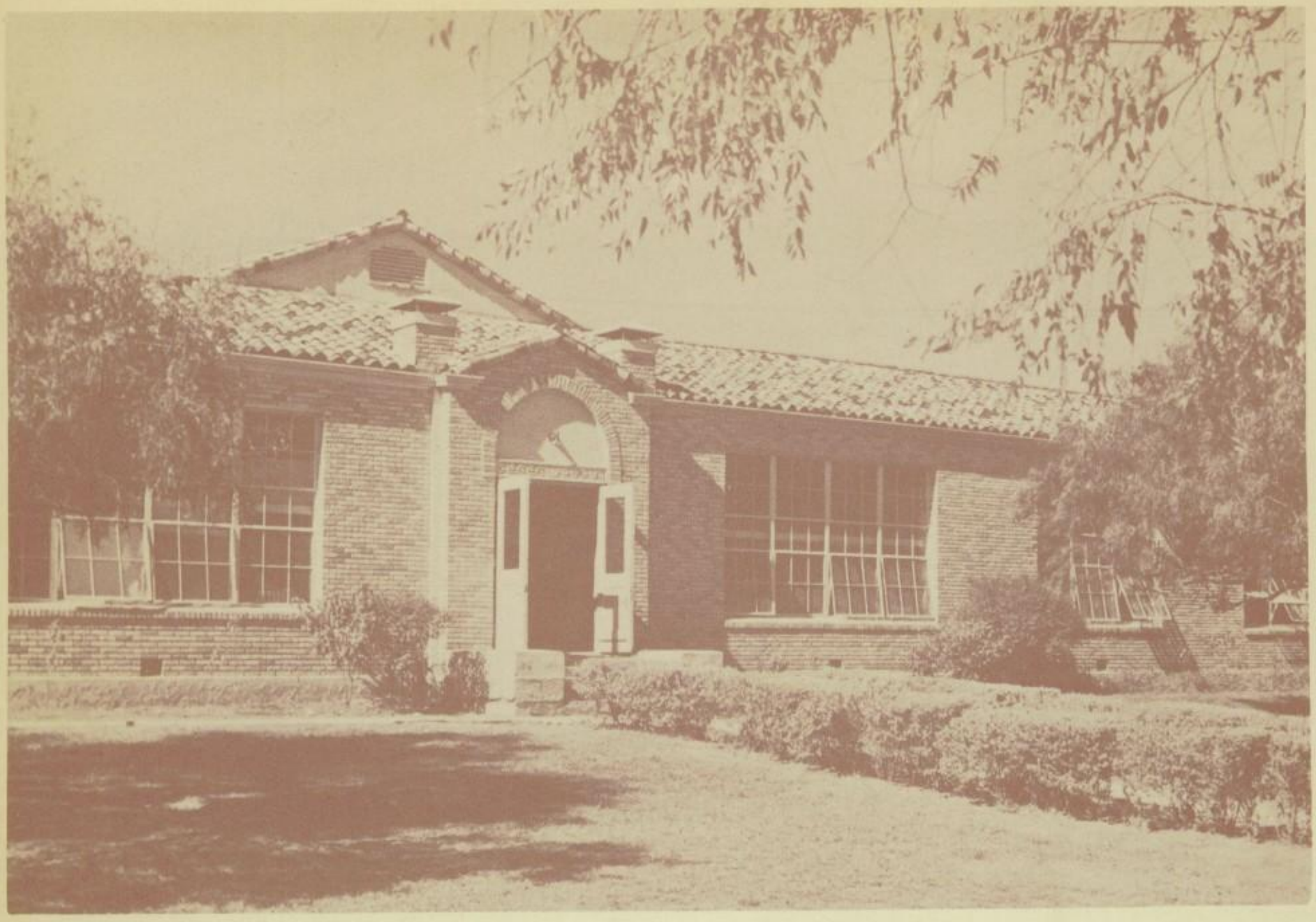
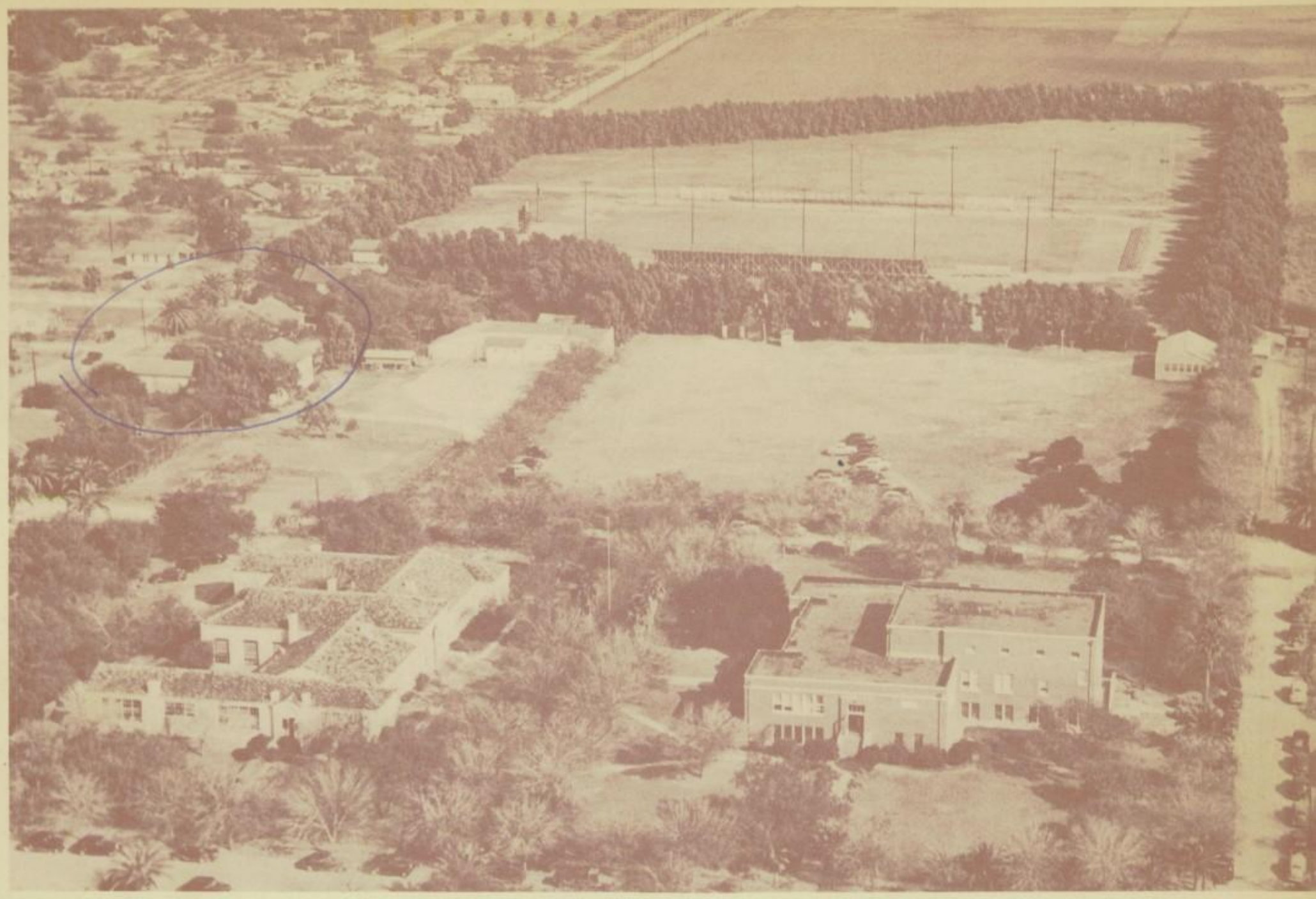


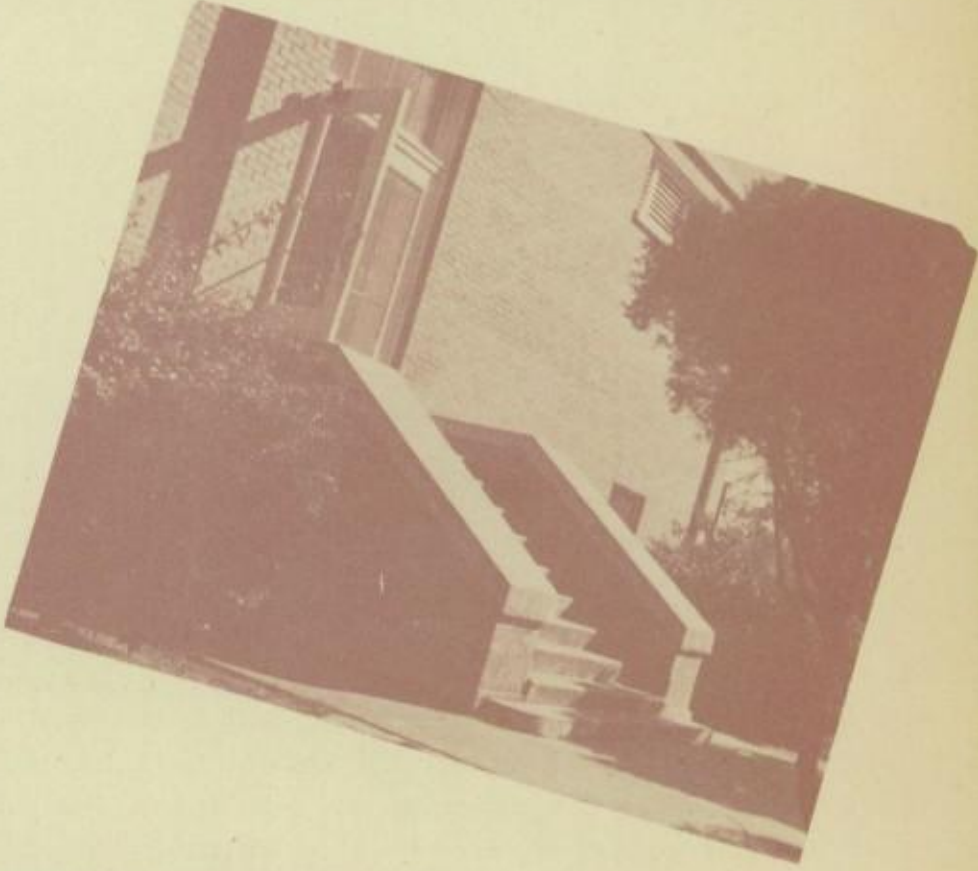
Best Wishes
Grady Hester

Weslaco High is fortunate in having Grady Hester, one of the finest coaches and gentlemen in South Texas. His calm nature and his great love of athletics have inspired Panther teams to three consecutive championships. Though his team this year was plagued with every imaginable handicap, his immovable faith in his boys never wavered, and as a result, Weslaco won her first regional title in thirteen years.

In appreciation of his sportsmanship, his loyalty, and his untiring efforts, the annual staff is proud to dedicate this 1947 LA PALMA to Coach Grady Hester.







Joe H. Wilson, who has served as superintendent of Weslaco Public Schools for the past three years, graduated from Hondo High School and attended Baylor University and Brown University, where he received his B. A. degree and M. A. degree respectively. He had sixteen years' experience in school work which has included three positions as principal and two as superintendent before coming to Weslaco.

Mr. Wilson stands 5 feet, 11 inches in height while weighing 150 pounds. Although he finds very little time in which to practice, he is fond of golf, and also enjoys reading. W. H. S. has benefited in many ways from Mr. Wilson's capable, progressive administration, and he has won the friendship and respect of the school and community alike with his untiring efforts toward the betterment of the educational system.

Principal A. C. Murphy graduated from Temple High School and attended S.W.T.S.T.C. Before coming to Weslaco, he did administrative work at Rock Springs and San Saba. When he had been at W. H. S. for only one year, he answered the call of his country and saw foreign service in Europe as a lieutenant. After being discharged, he returned to Weslaco High and quickly adapted himself to school life again.

Mr. Murphy is 5 feet, 11 inches tall, has black hair, and weighs 180 pounds. In his spare moments he is fond of entertaining his son Jimmy. Mr. Murphy's quick wit and genial disposition, has warm friendliness and genuine interest in young people have endeared him to students and teachers alike.

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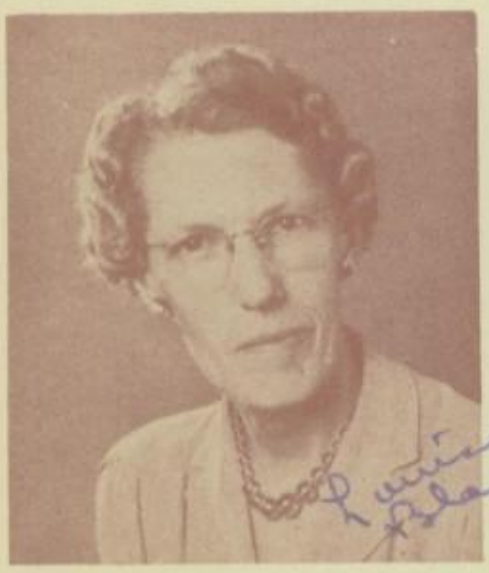
Band



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Best Wishes
Good luck to a fine sweet "girl"

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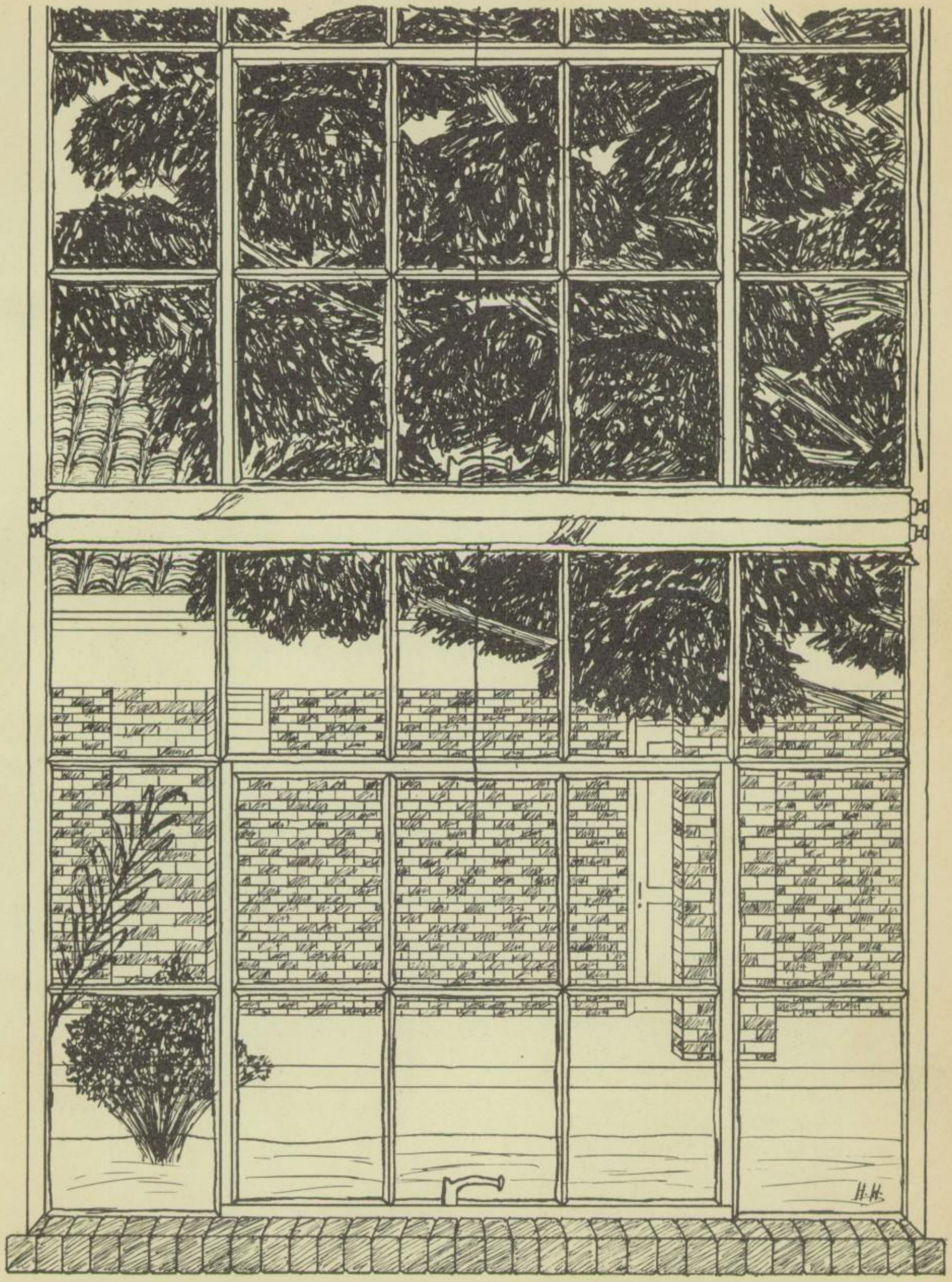

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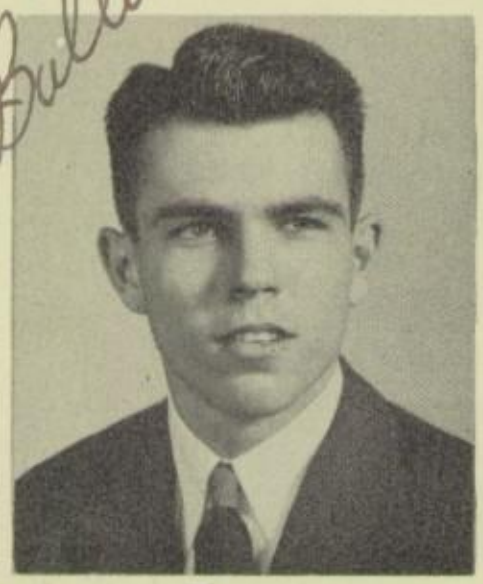

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In Freeport;
Sports Club; Spanish Club; Football

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ANADELIA GARZA
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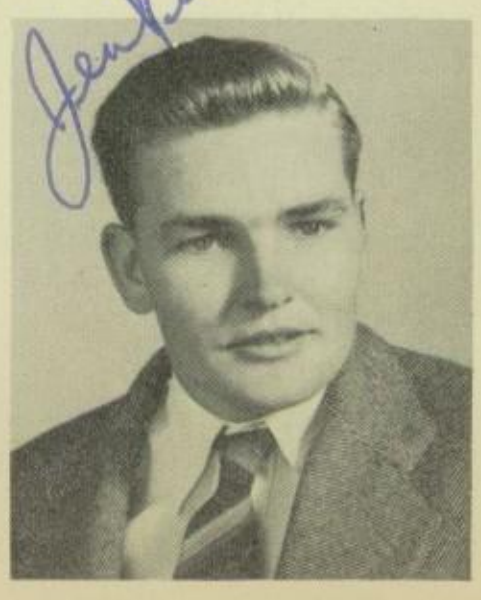

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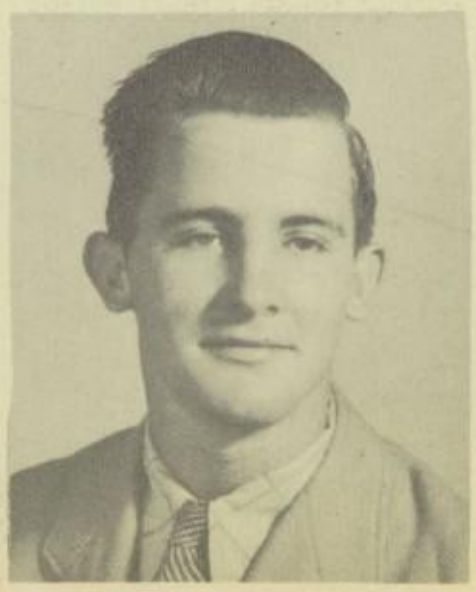

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HI-LIFE Staff; Quill and Scroll; LA PALMA Staff; Treasurer of Junior Class; Roliki Club; Letterman's Club; Junior-Senior Football; Junior-Senior Basketball; Junior-Senior Track; Little Theater; All Valley Tackle; Declamation; Winner of V. H. S. P. C. Sports Writing Two Years

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Choral Club

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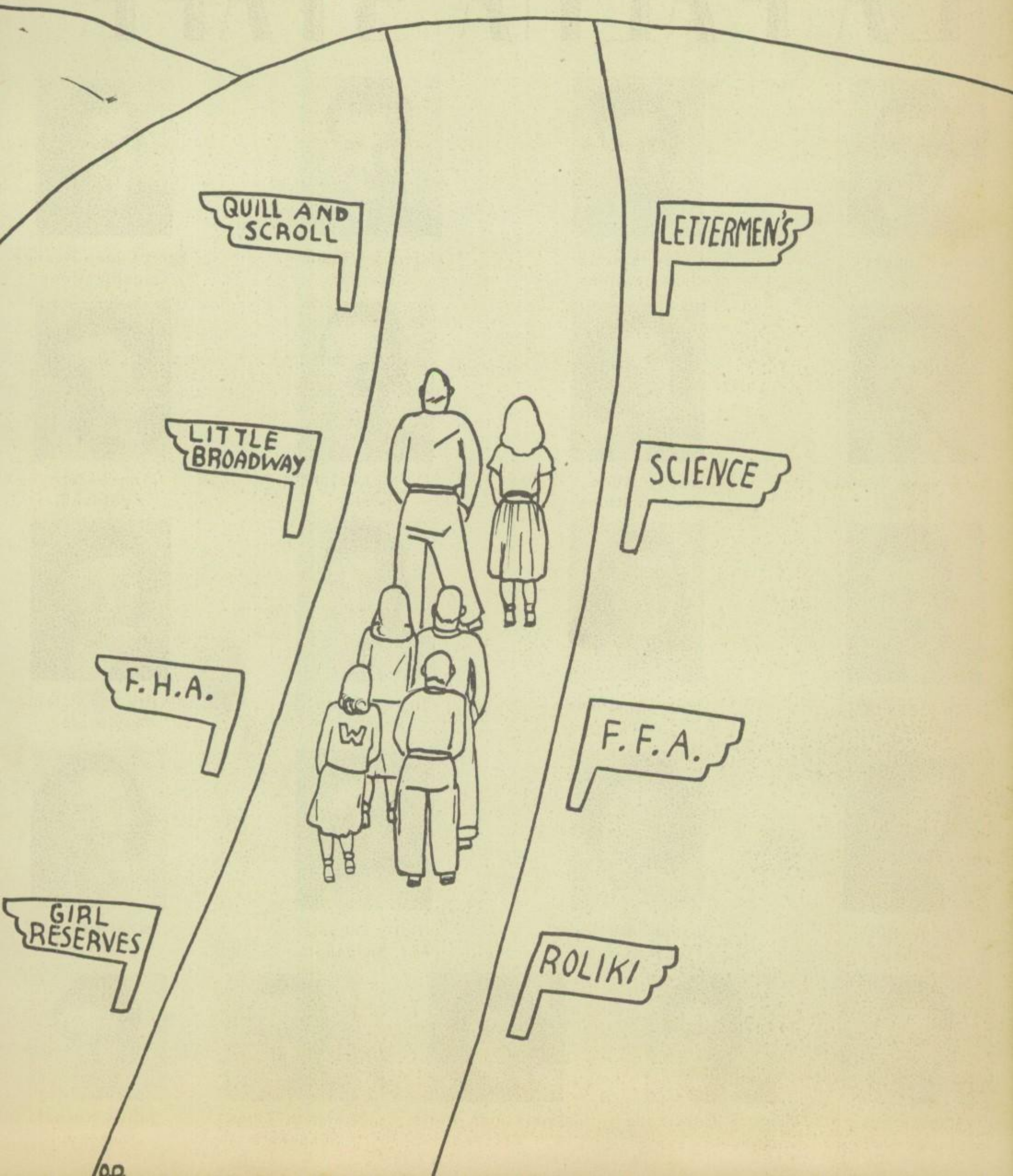
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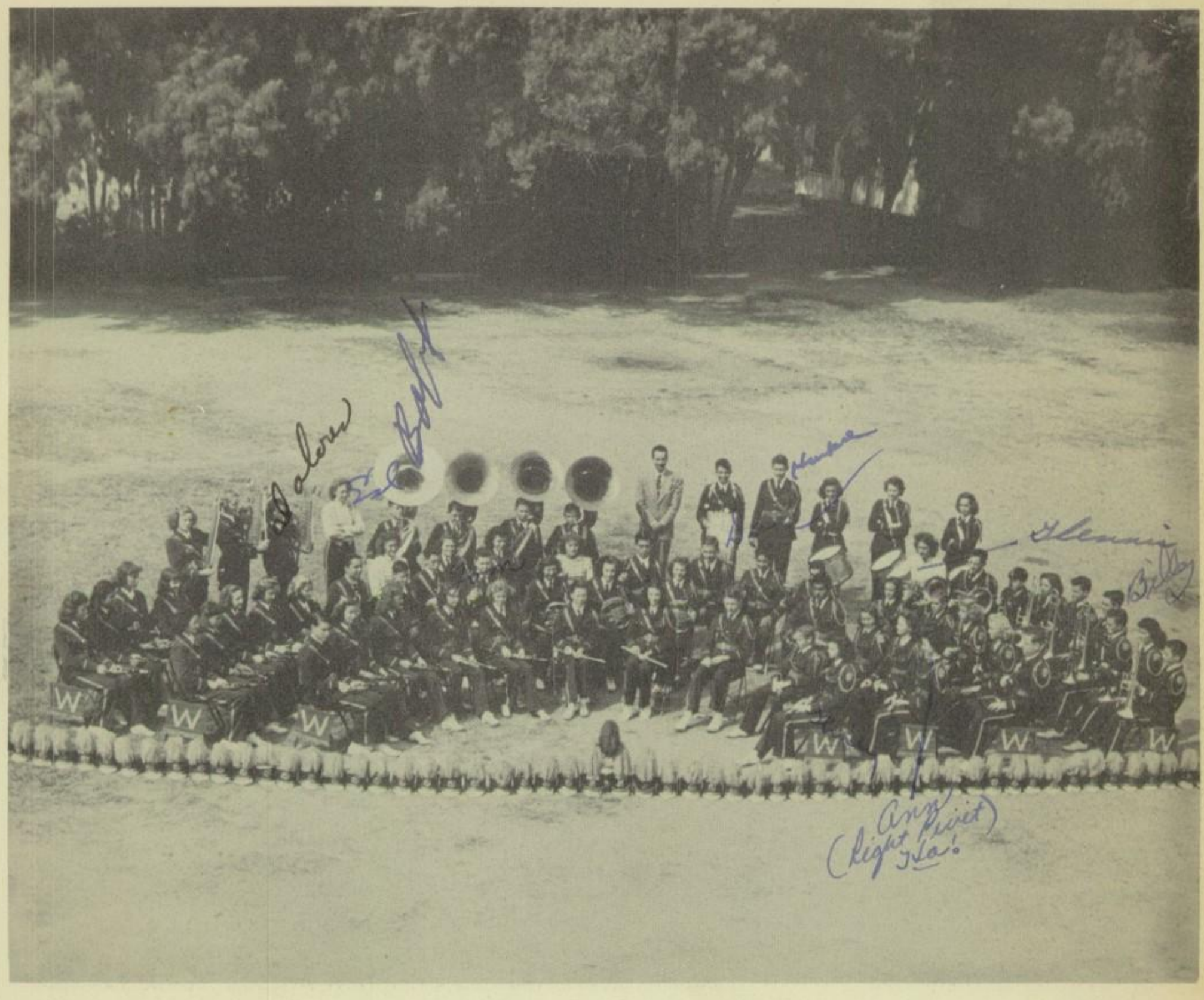

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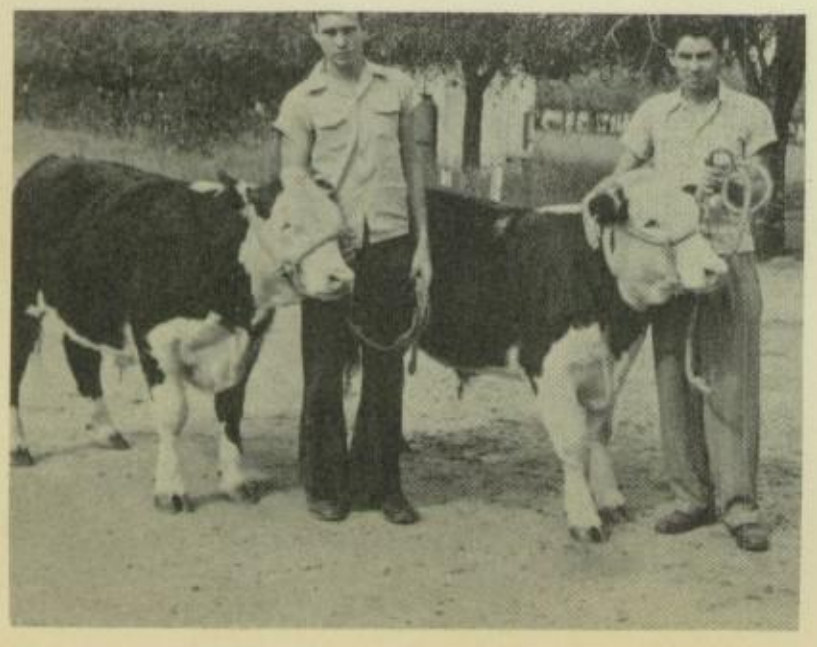

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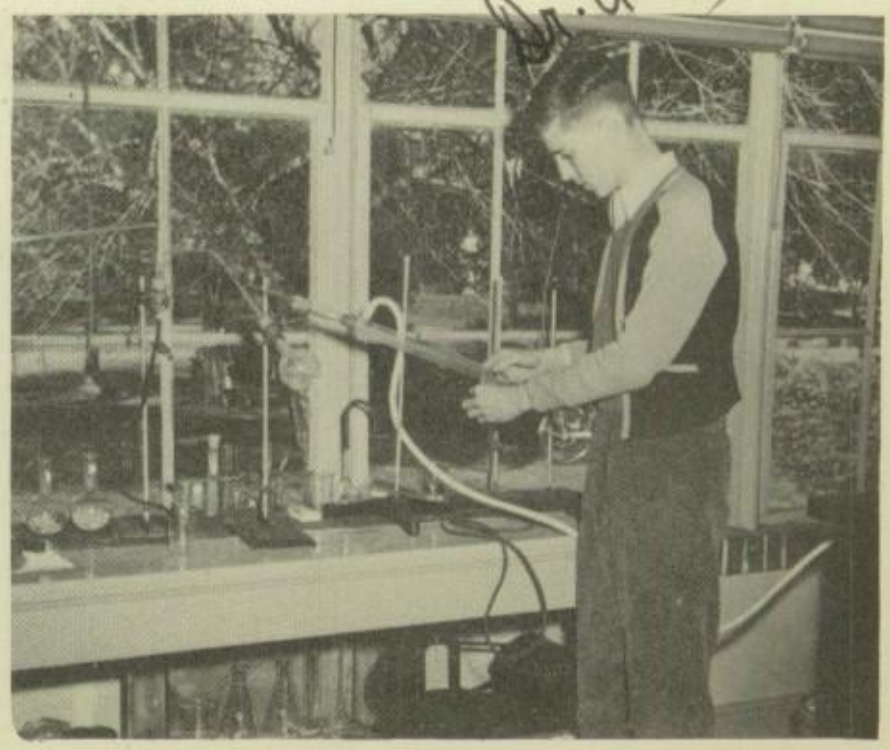

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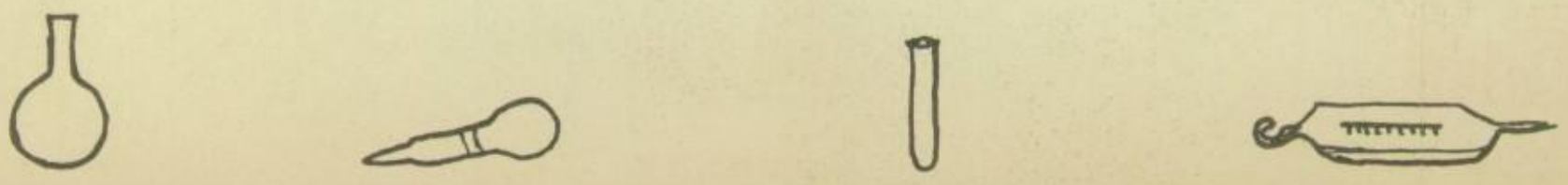

Cheerleaders

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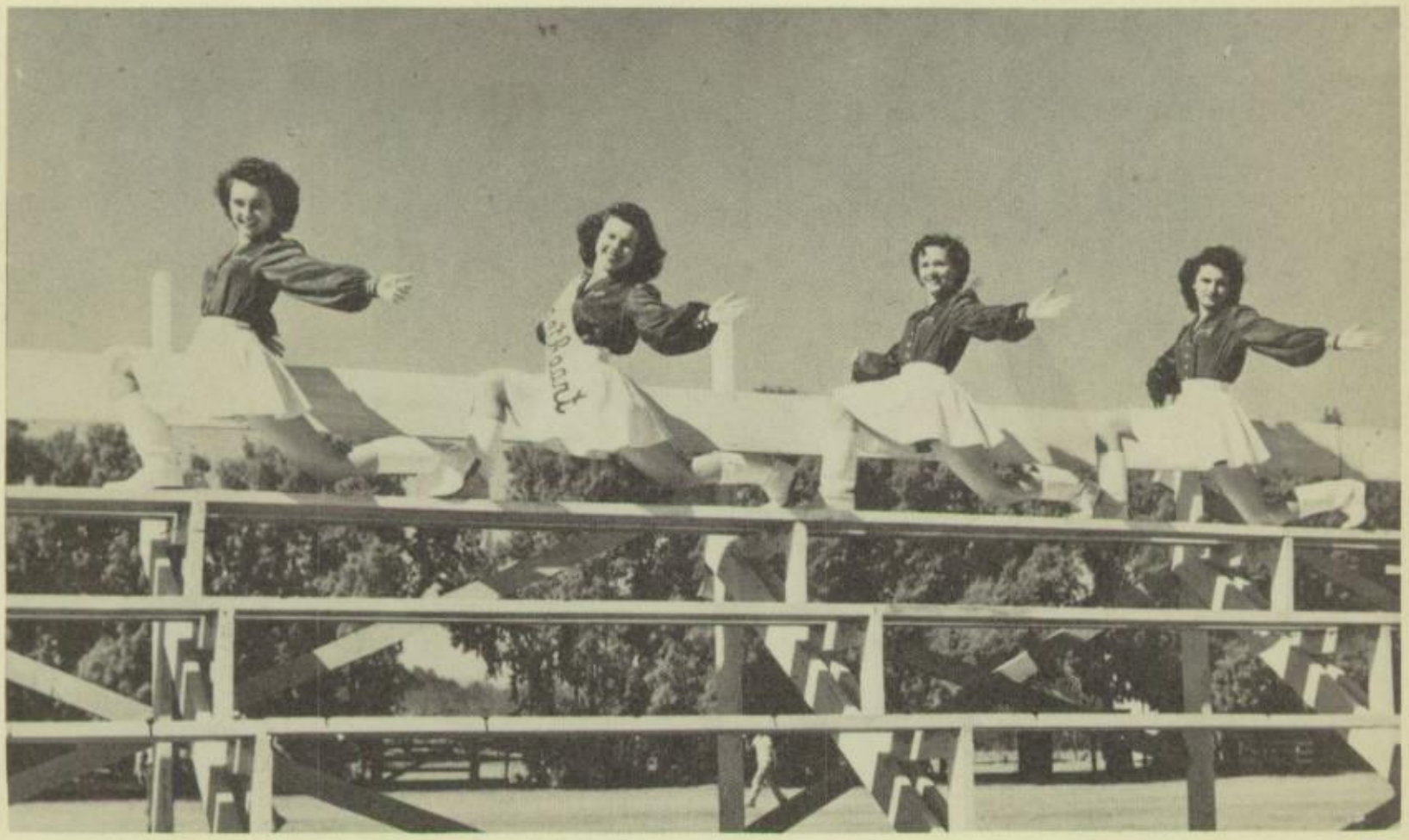

Yea, Panthers!

Head Leader

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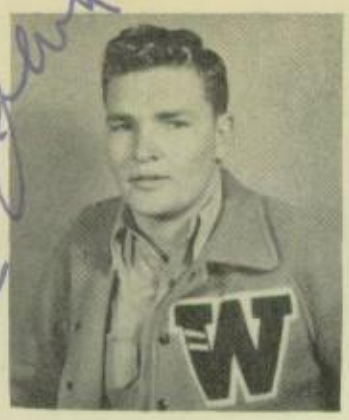
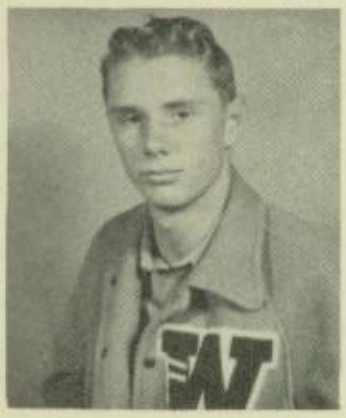
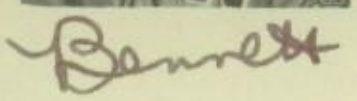
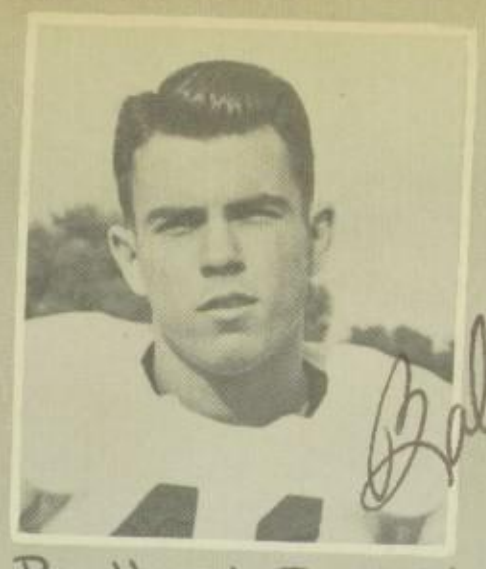





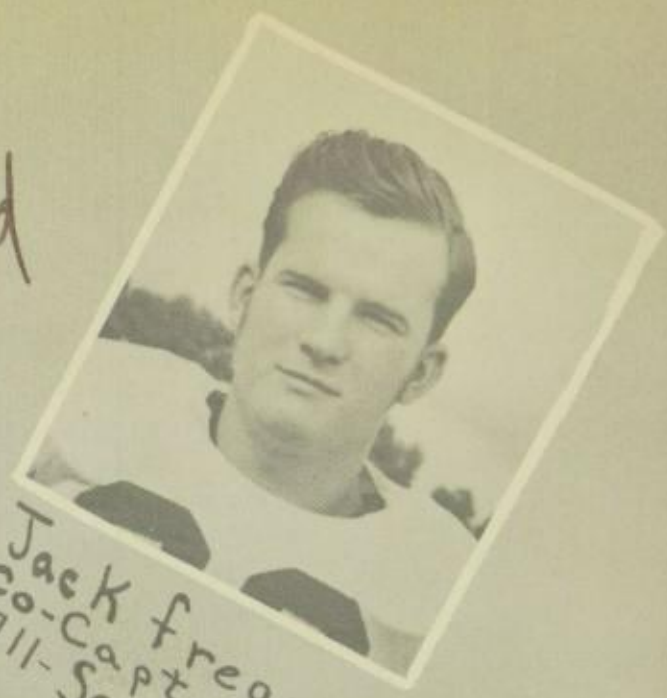
It's not the coach nor the captain,
Nor the stars that make the goal,
But the everlasting teamwork,
Of every blooming soul.

---Panther Slogan

Ed McLeaish
All-Valley Tackle



Ballard Bennett
Co-Captain
All-Valley End



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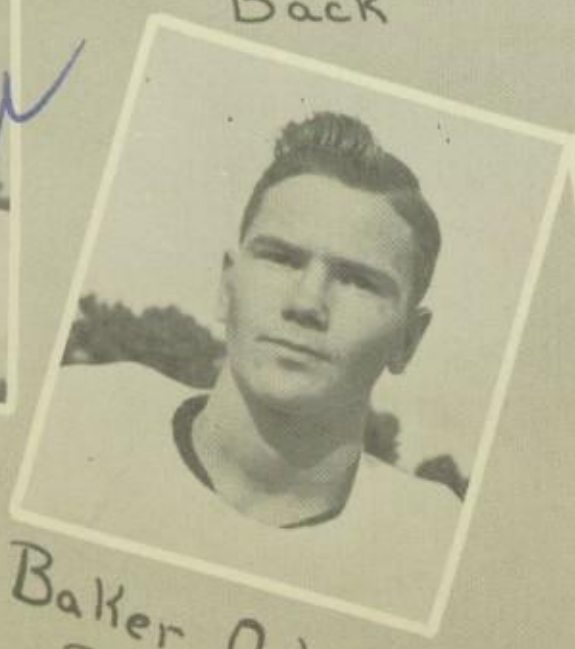

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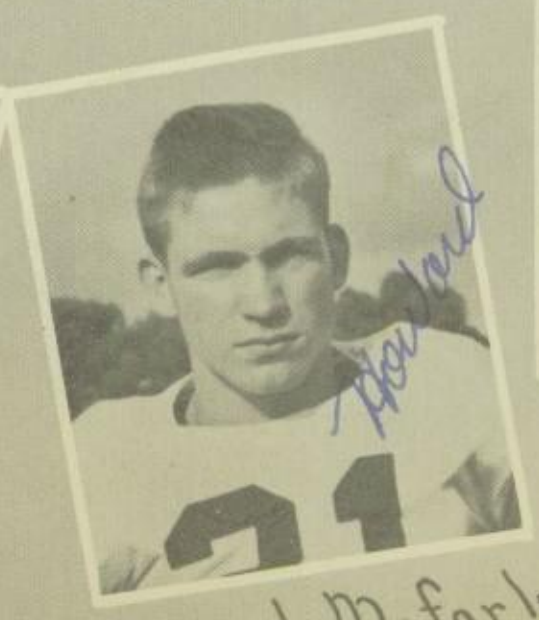

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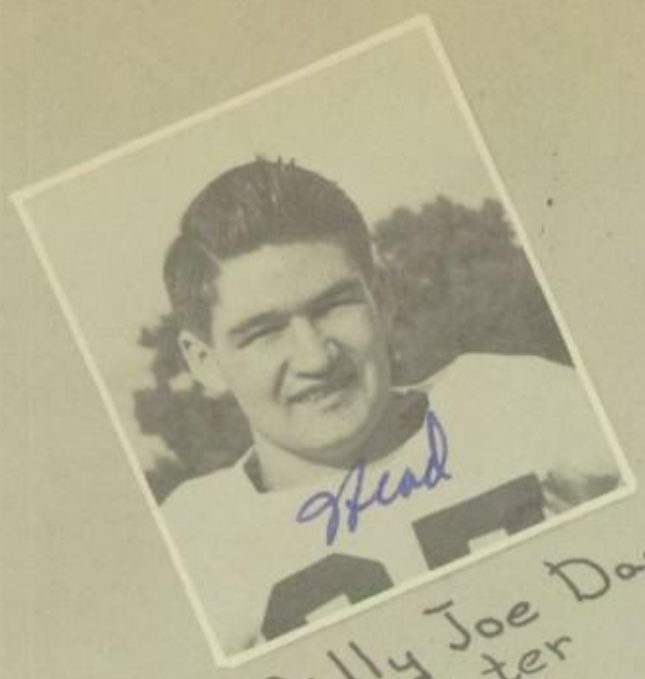

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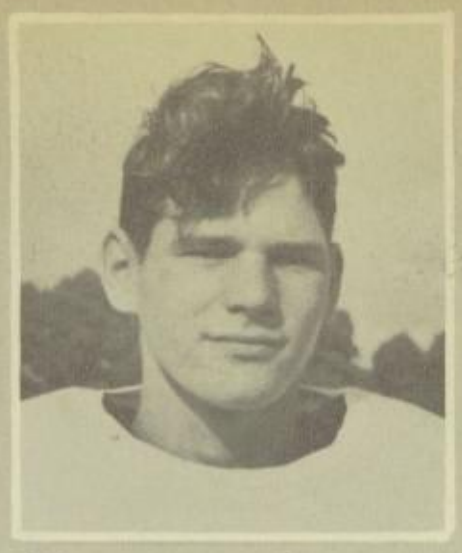

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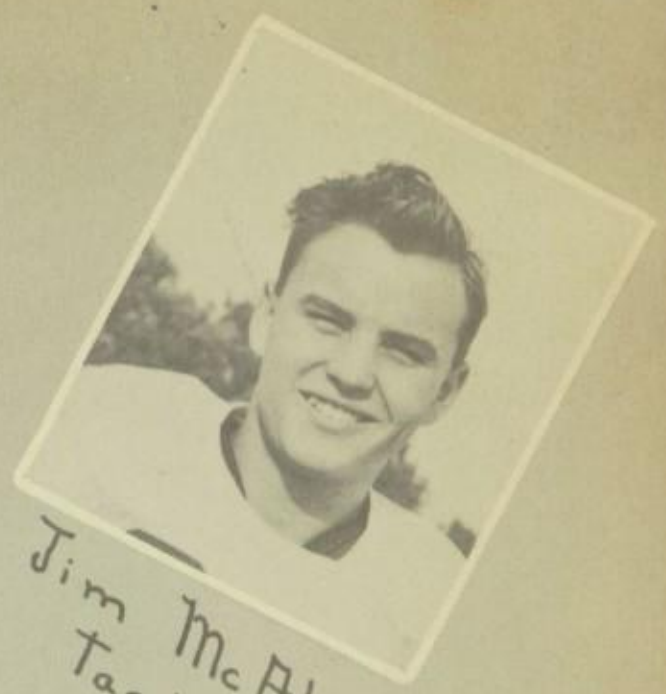

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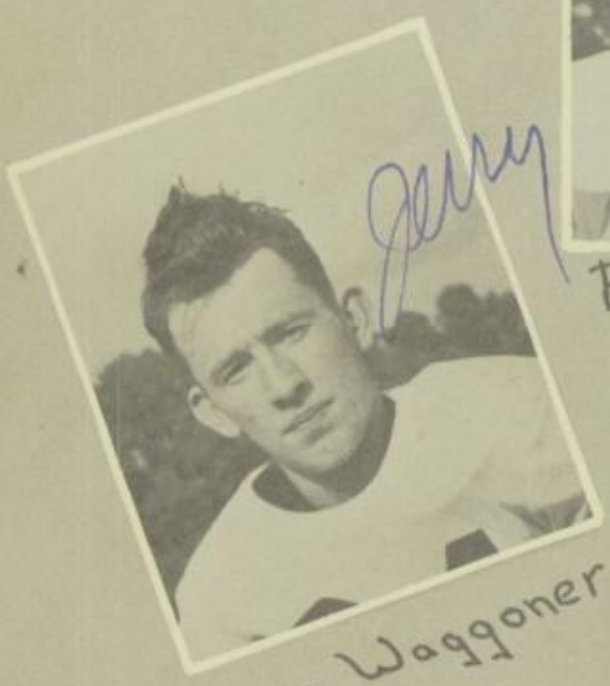

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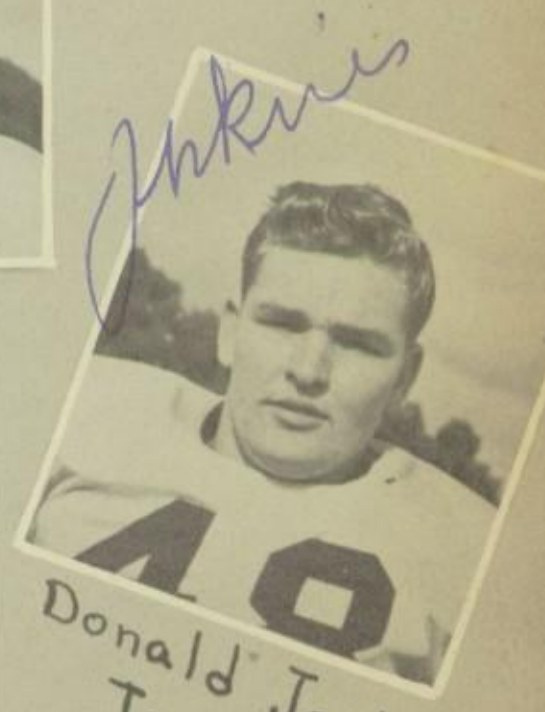

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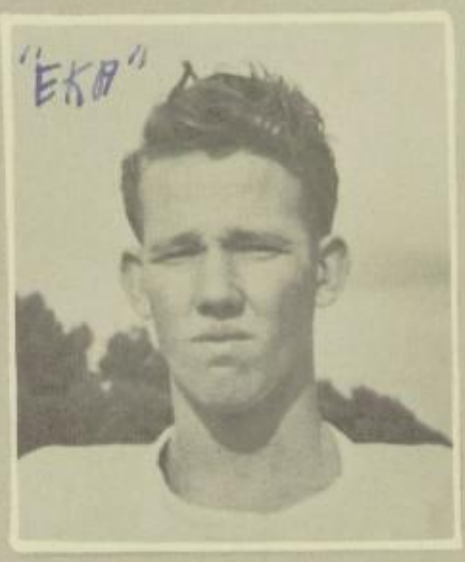

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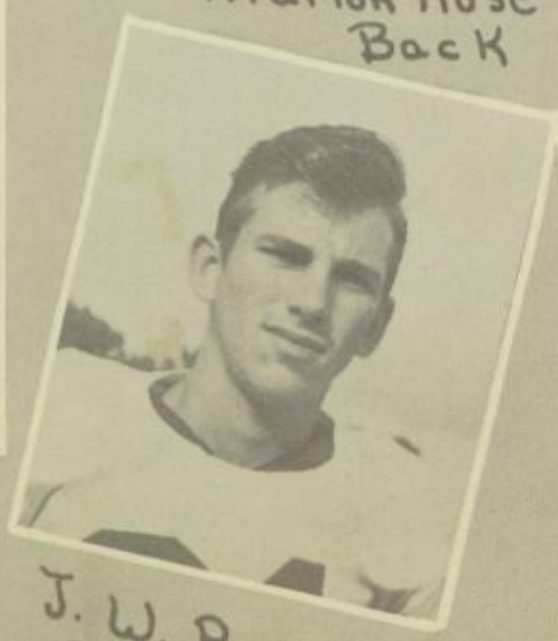

J. W. Pace
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Starting Line-up

THE PANTHERS

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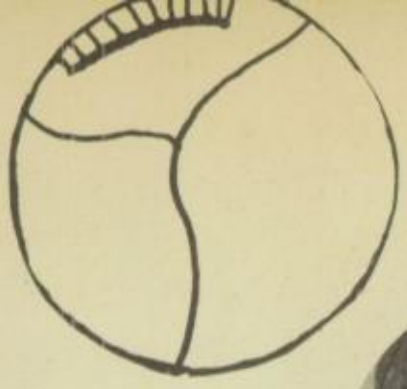

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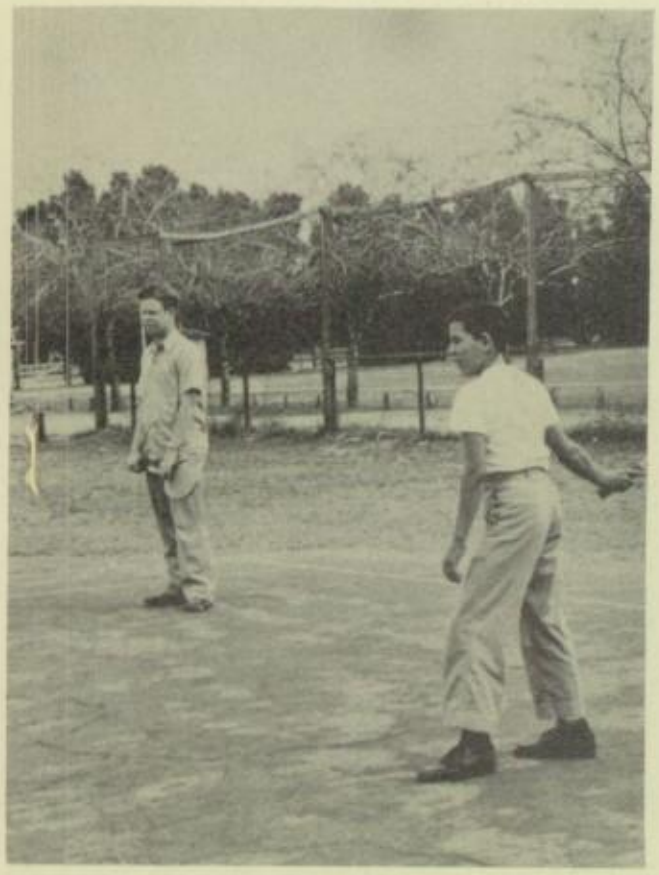

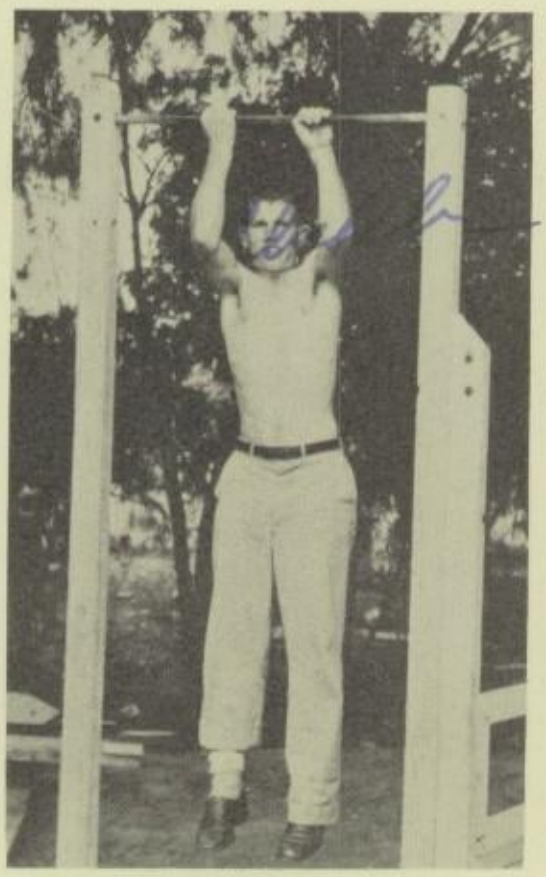

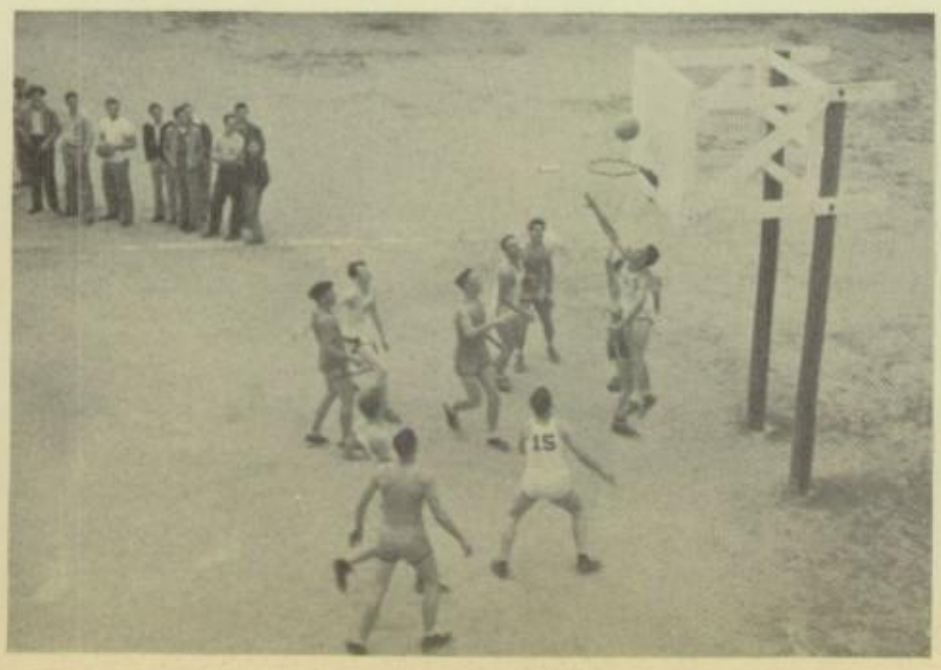

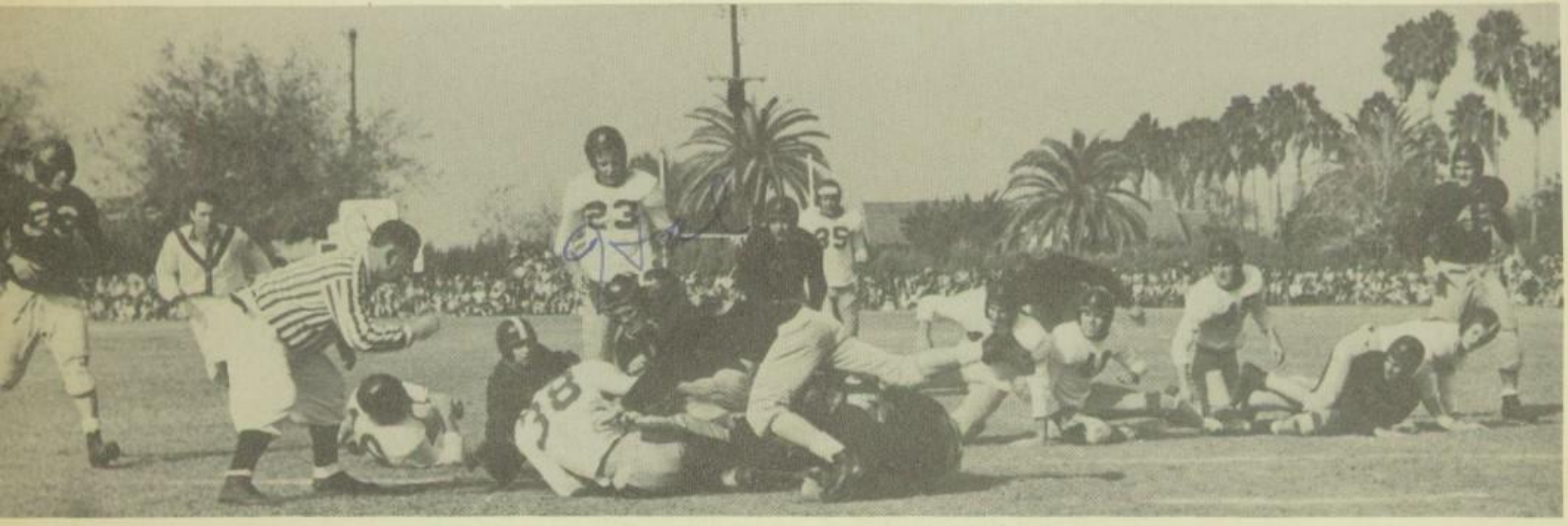

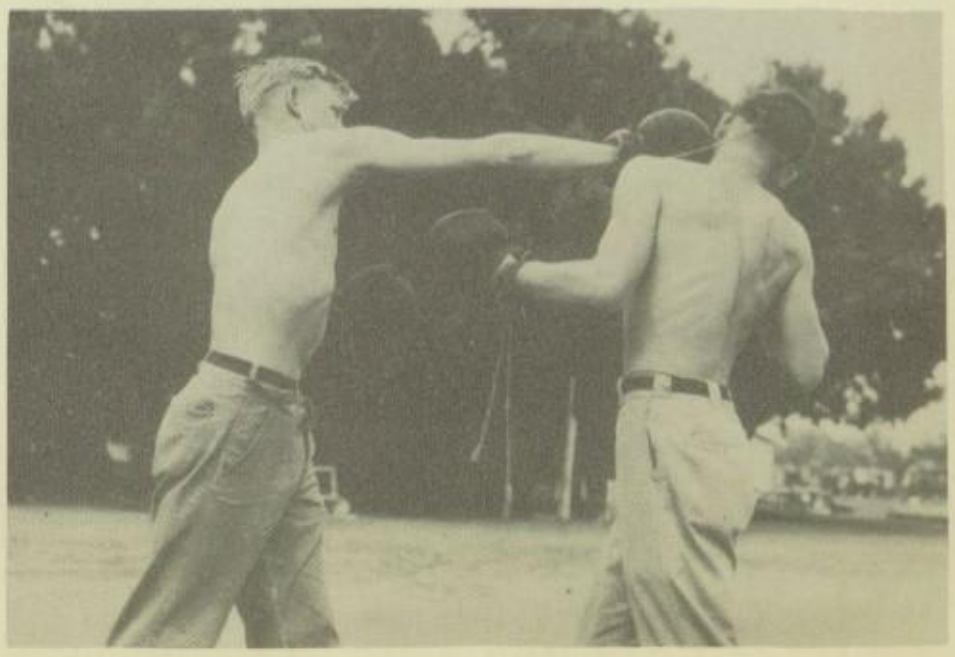

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FAVORITES

W. H. S.

CANDIDATES

CHOICE

WE WANT

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SHE'S POPULAR

SWOON!

HE'S DREAM BAIT!

SOPHS

JUNIORS

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WE WANT OUR....

OPEN THE DOOR

BEAUTIFUL

POPULAR

Guy that's our

ALL AROUND

BEST ALL AROUND

MARJORIE ROGERS

PANTHER SWEETHEART

LORETTA SHIELDS

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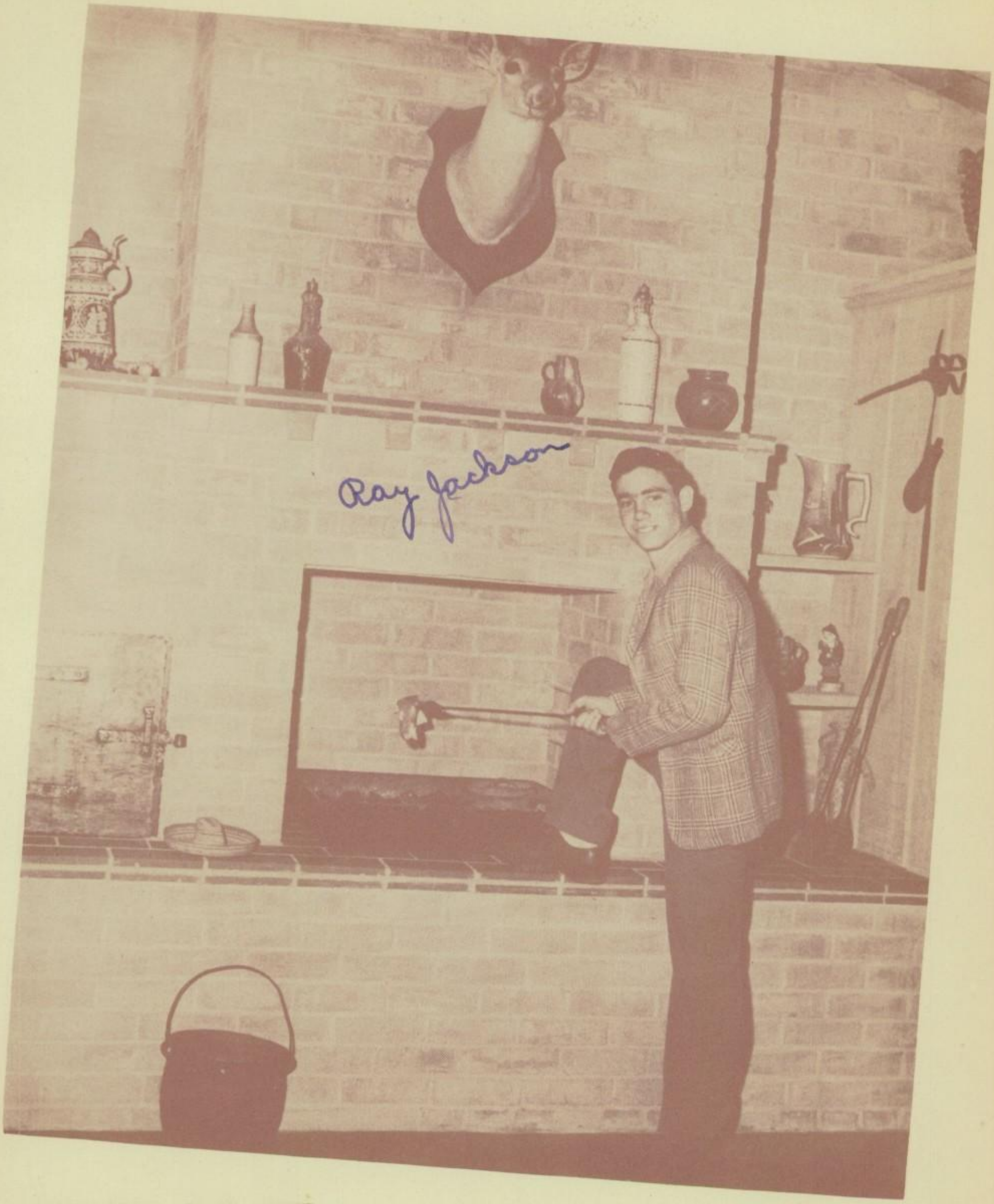
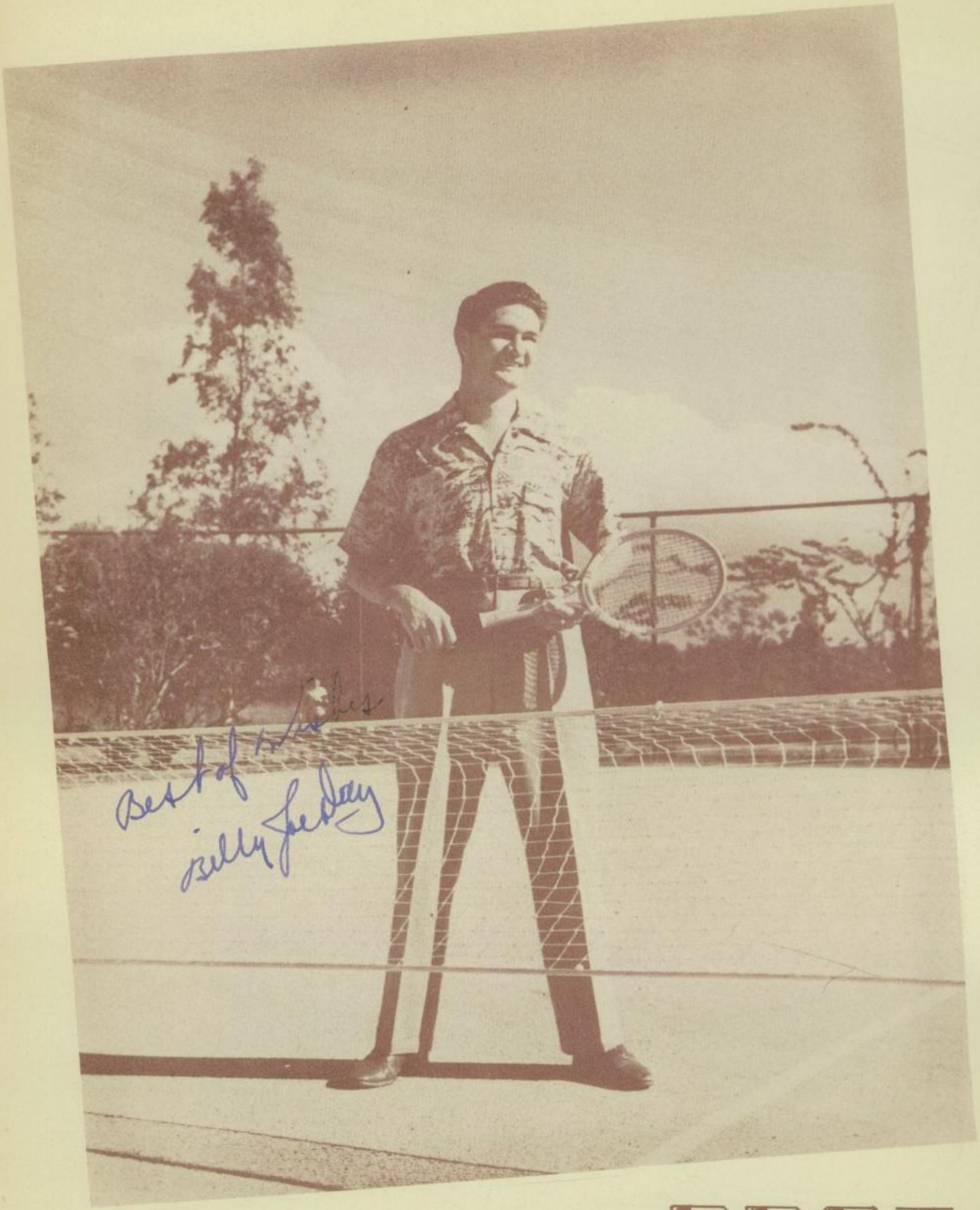


MOST POPULAR

BILLY JOE DAY



BEST ALL-AROUND

SNAPS
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SENIOR WHO'S WHO

Dillie Nicklas
Most Talented

Ventura Castaneda
Most Talented

Eloise Harrison
Most Athletic

Reece McAlpin
Most Ambitious, Best All-Around, Best Natured

Patsy Martin
Most Ambitious

Norman Watson
Wittiest, Noisiest

Rosalie Lively
Best Dressed

Donald Jenkines
Laziest

Ballard Bennett
Most Athletic

Glenna Ruth Holman
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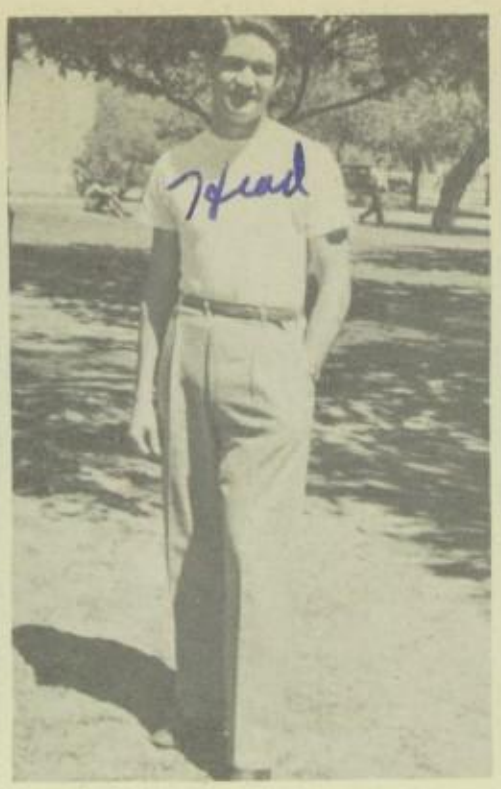
Edwin Barnett
Best Dressed

JUNIOR WHO'S WHO

Shirley Bullard
Best Natured



Billy Joe Day
Best Natured

Loretta Shields
Most Talented

Hal Potts
Most Talented, Most Ambitious, Best All Around

Glennis Adkins
Most Athletic

Kenneth Sherry
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Peggy Hull
Most Ambitious

Homer Ryan
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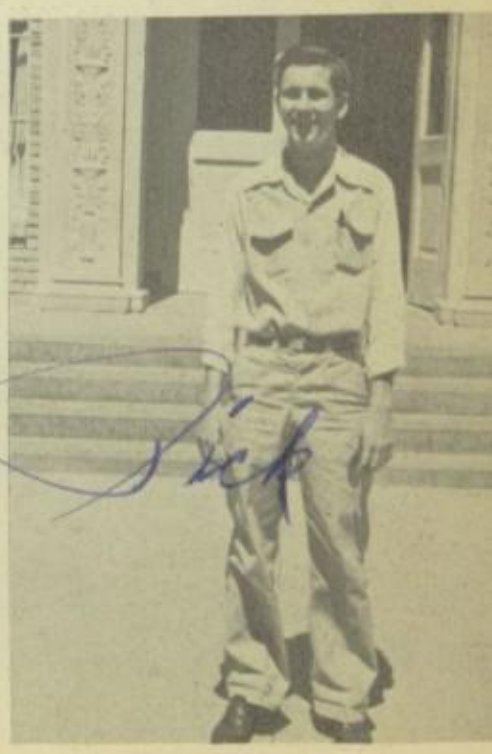

Robert Pickard
Laziest

WHO'S WHO

Ventura Castaneda
Journalism, Shorthand

Patsy Martin
Home Economics

Reece McAlpin
Mathematics, Physics

Juanita Cantu
Biology

Ballard Bennett
Speech, Athletics

Rosemary Jennings
Mechanical Drawing

IN CLASSES

Jimmy Hill
Band

Carline Lobits
Typing

Hal Potts
Chemistry, History

Margaret Kobeck
Bookkeeping

Paul Pate
Shop

Loretta Shields
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All-Around

Beauty

All-Around

RUNNERS-UP

Popular

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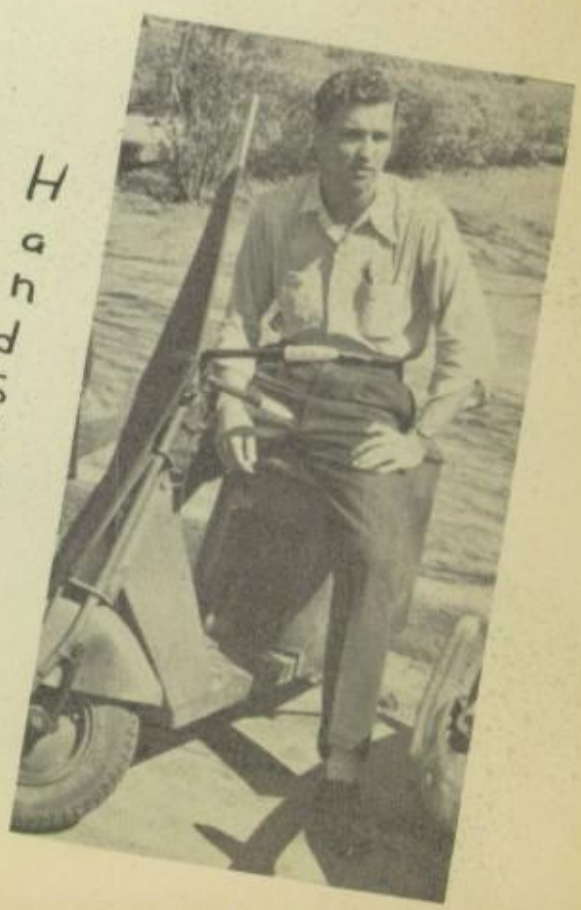
Handsome

Beauty



Handsome

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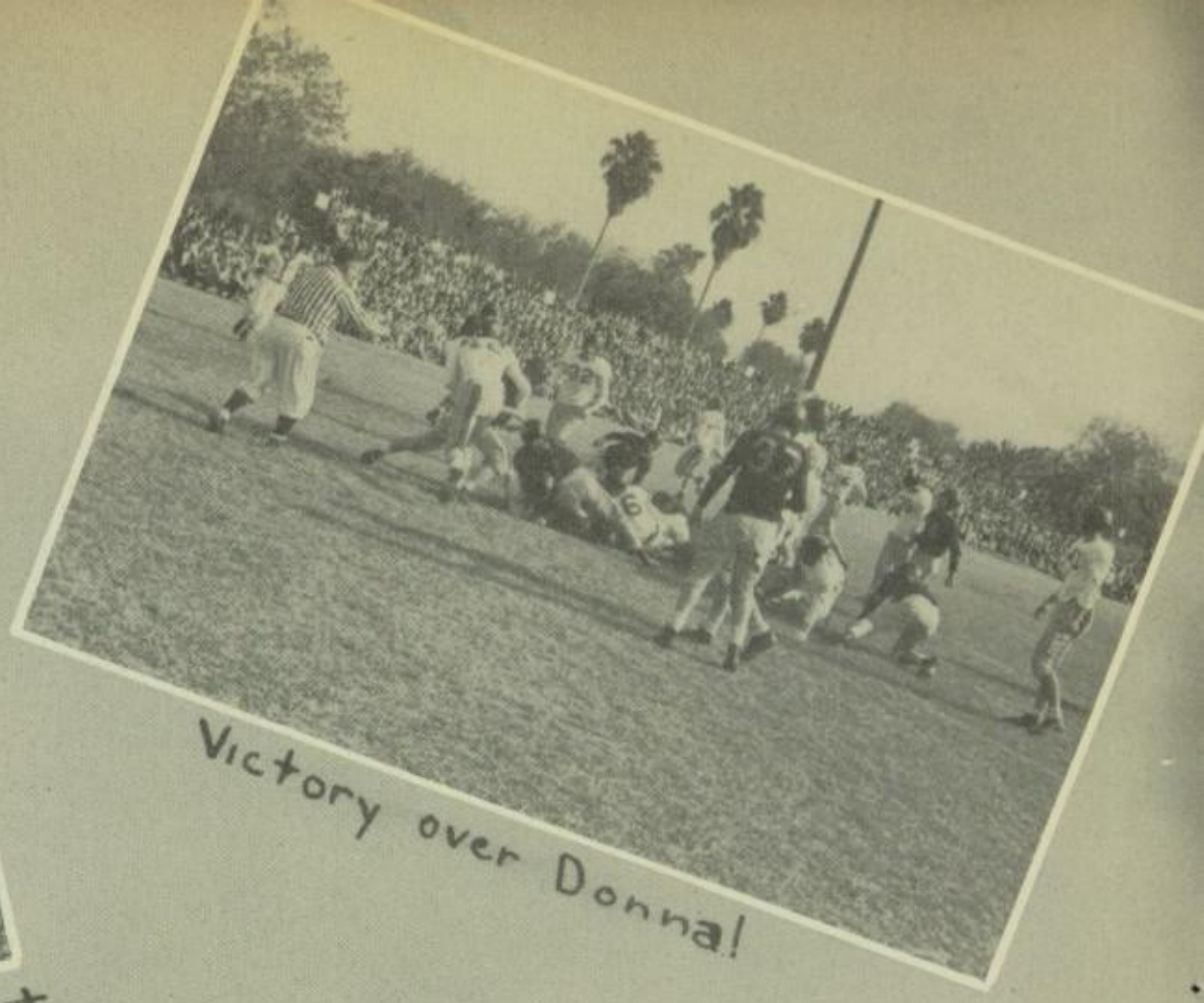
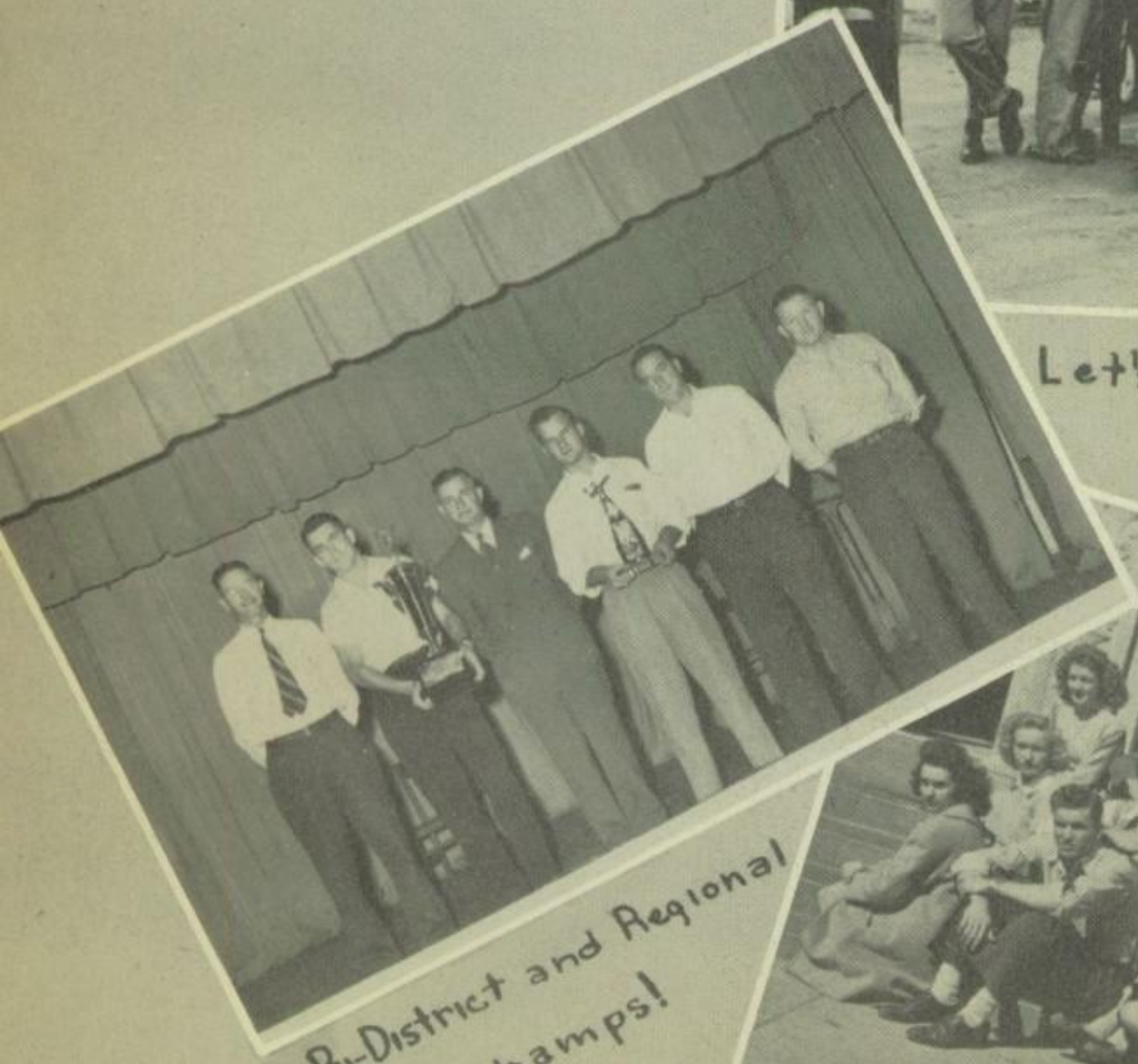
Presentation of Sweetheart

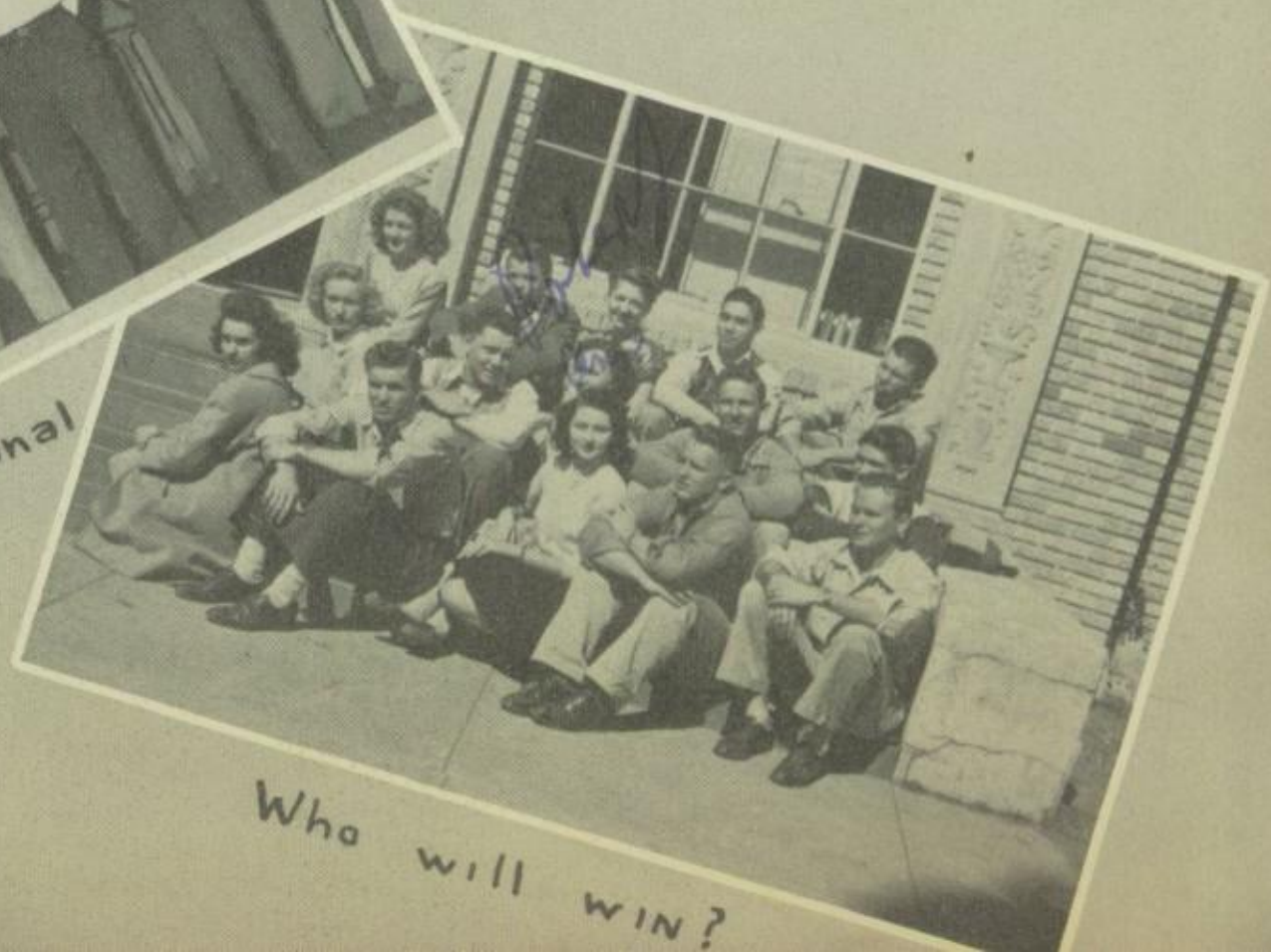


Victory over Donna!

Let's help stop Polio!



Bi-District and Regional champs!



Who will win?

"Almost Summer," Senior Play

HI-LIFE does it again!

Weslaco has Dr. IQ!

Juniors – a grand old circus!

Sophs – Ringlings' chief competitors!

Don't
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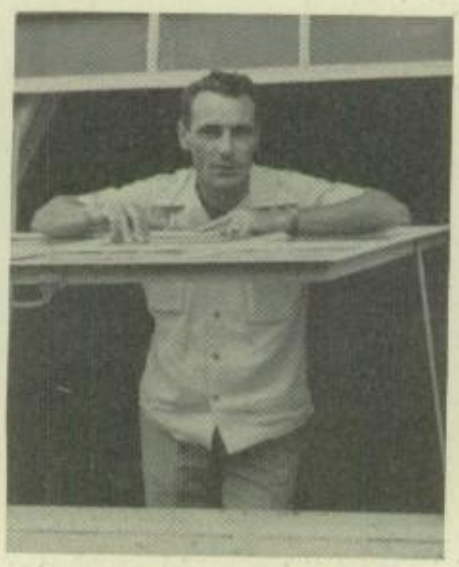

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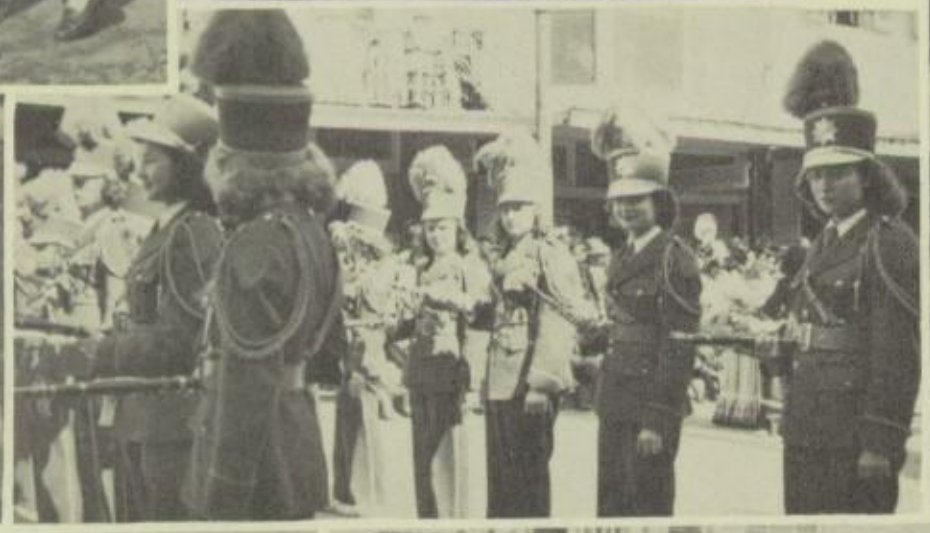


"Waiting for the Train"

"Coax Me a Little Bit"

"I'm Making Believe

"Buddy"

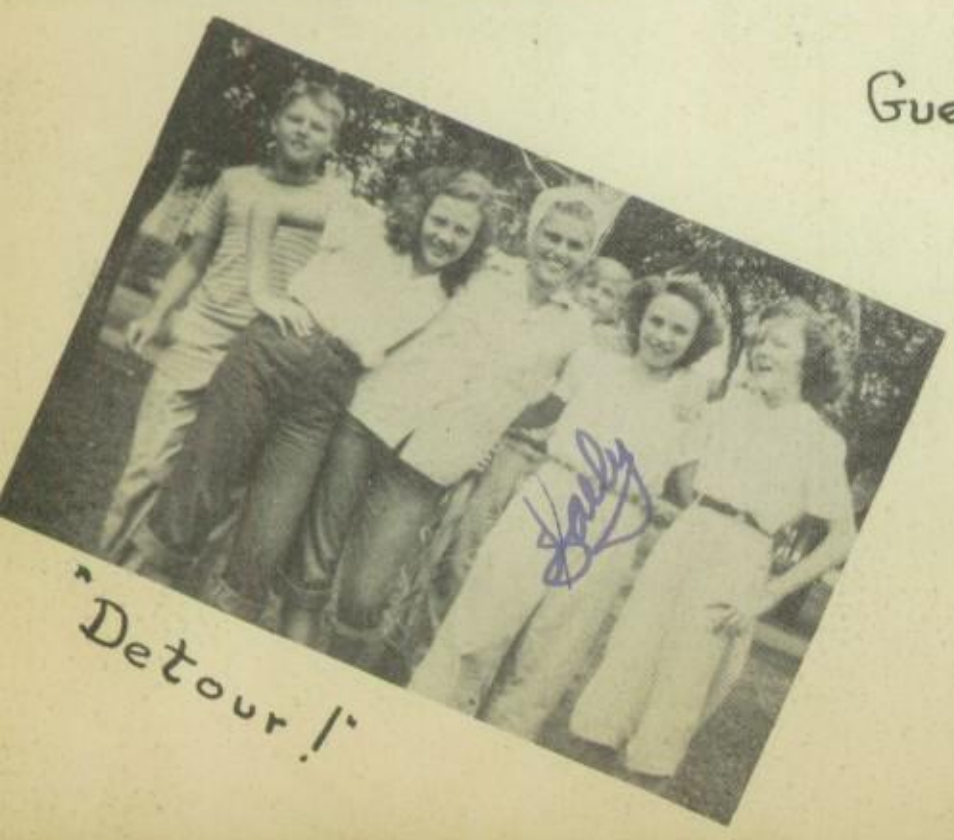
"We'll Gather Lilacs"

"Oh, You Beautiful Doll"

"Surrender"

Guess?

Death March?



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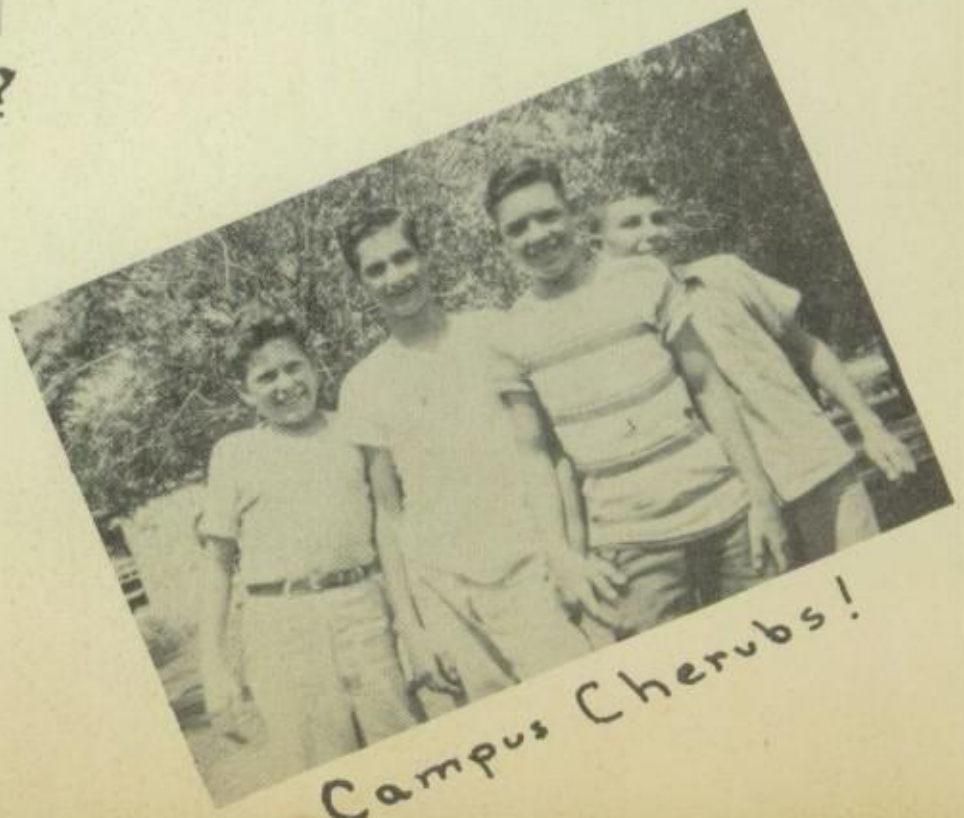


Campus Cherubs!

The Weslaco Hi-Life

Wednesday, September 11, 1946

HARMON, WALLER TO EDIT HI-LIFE FIRST SEMESTER OF '46-'47 TERM

HARMON

WALLER

Heading the HI-LIFE staff for the first semester will be Bondy Harmon and Ann Waller, who will be editor and assistant editor respectively.

Bondy, a senior, is well qualified for the position as editor, as he was the editor of the ECHO in St. Elmo, Illinois. Bondy is also president of Little Broadway, president and student director of the Weslaco High Band, and a member of the Roliki Club.

Ann, a junior, and incidentally the first junior to have the position of editor or assistant editor for several years, will be the assistant editor. Ann is reporter for the Weslaco High Band, secretary-treasurer of Little Broadway, and a member of the Future Homemakers, Girl Reserves, and Science Club.

Price Of HI-LIFE To Be Same As Last Year—35c

The price of the HI-LIFE for the year of 1946-47 will be 3 cents per copy and 35 cents each semester for subscriptions, according to Homer Ryan, business manager. These are the same prices that were charged for the school paper last year.

Though the price of labor and paper have gone up, and the HI-LIFE will cost more, it will be sold for the same price.

As is the custom, the first copy of the paper is being given to the students and teachers of W. H. S.

The subscription campaign for the first semester will begin today. Students may give their money to any member of the Journalism Class or to Miss Black.

W. H. S. Has Only One New Instructor

The only addition to the Weslaco High School faculty for 1946-47 is Miss Louise Williams of Wharton, Texas, who is teaching commercial work.

Miss Williams entered Texas State College for Women, Denton, in 1942 and received her B. S. degree in 1946, majoring in business education.

When Miss Williams was asked to comment on the school and students, she replied "The school has splendid equipment and the students are very cooperative."

Roliki Officers To Be Chosen Today

The Roliki Club met Tuesday at noon in the cafeteria for the first meeting of 1946. Vice-president Ballard Bennett, who presided, and Hal Potts, Sergeant-at-Arms, are the only two officers returning from last year.

Members returning from 1945 are Kenneth Jones, Homer Ryan, Bondy Harmon, Norman Watson, Kenneth Sherry, Edward McLeeaish, John Sawyer, Baker Osborne, and Jimmy Hill.

New officers were to be elected and other Roliki matters discussed.

Officers, Twirlers Chosen For Band

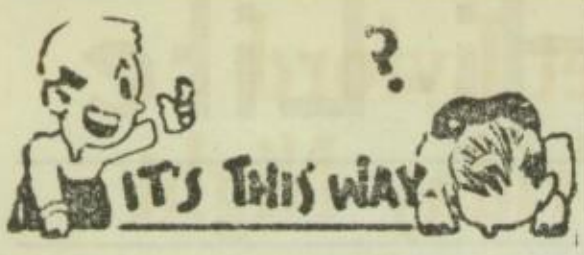
Bondy Harman was elected Band president at the first meeting of the Band last week. He has also been appointed student director by Joe Bellamah, band director. Other officers chosen were vice-president, Glennis Adkins; secretary, Doreen Yoder; treasurer, Eva Mae Betts; reporter, Ann Waller; social chairman, Larry Lehman.

The Band will have three twirlers: Glennis Adkins and Eva Mae Betts, juniors, and Edwina Stanley, freshman, a new student from San Antonio.

Loretta Shields, junior, will be the drum major for this year. Loretta was chosen by Mr. Bellamah and Lynette Stahl, former drum major, at the end of last year's term.

Approximately sixty-five members reported for first band Tuesday ,according to the director.

Sentry: "Halt! Who goes there?"
Voice: "The smartest man in this outfit."
Sentry: "Advance, lieutenant, and be recognized."



Well, well, here we are again. How did it happen? Oh — you know how industrious we students always are. The temptation proved too great for us. And to think of the poor, lazy teachers who wanted summer to last until Christmas! Yours truly hears the students had to beg the faculty to come and teach—or did I? Seriously, though, it really isn't going to be so bad, is it?

Welcome to all you returned veterans. It's really grand to have you back in Weslaco High! Also to the many new kids who have descended upon us.

Well, you studes, Friday night comes our first football game of the season. Lets' really show the team who the twelfth man is. To the football boys, here's wishing you the very best of luck. We know you'll be out there fighting.

Congratulations are in order for the newly elected twirlers and officers of our ever popular Band. We can be assured of a successful year with these capable leaders.

The Journalism and English classes are certainly fortunate in having Miss Black back again. W. H. S. just wouldn't be the same without her. (She twisted my arm half an hour before I consented to say this!)

Our own student, Dillie Nicklas, seems to be doing all right with her singing. Tuesday evening of last week at the Ritz Theater, Dillie was selected as Weslaco's entrant in the Bob Hope Singing Contest. Congratulations!!

New fashions? No, just the poor, innocent girls who were initiated into the Future Homemakers on Monday night. Really, kids, you certainly did look nice!

To the seventh graders and new students in school, it is hoped that you will soon learn our school song. To hlep you along, we are publishing the words in this column.

Welcome To Friendly W. H. S.

The HI-LIFE Staff would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new teacher and students. W.H.S. is a friendly school and we shall all help to make our new teacher and students feel at home.

To you seventh graders—we hope you will become accustomed to our traditions and learn to love our school as we do. Fellow students, remember we were once as "green" as they. A friendly smile and greeting will help to make them feel welcome.

W.H.S. should also be proud of the fact that we have only one new teacher this year. This shows that our teachers ilke our town, our school and what it represents. We are equally sure that our new teacher and students will soon become possessed with "The Spirit of Weslaco High."

B.H.

The Good Ole Days Are Here Again!

Say, do you know what day the day after tomorrow is? Yes, you're right, but it's not only Friday the thirteenth—it's the date of our first football game!

We studes showed plenty of pep and spirit last year and all the years before, but let's try to do even better this year. Give out with "ye olde voice" in **all** our yells. We really want to prove our loyalty to the team, the Band, and the school as a whole.

Seriously, though, when we sing "Spirit of Weslaco High" think about the meaning and put feeling into the words. After all, it is our song, and our school. It is up to us to make it what it should be—so give out with the old spirit and pep!

A.W.

Spirit of Weslaco High

Weslaco High, our faith in you
Shall never, never die.
Weslaco High, our hearts are true,
We'll raise your name on high.
In victory or defeat we'll stand
Unmoved by friend or foe.
Your spirit be our guiding hand,
As on through life we go.

Your HI-LIFE is being given to you studes this morning. Despite the fact that it will cost the Journalism Class more this year, we are still going to keep the same prices. You can show your appreciation by subscribing to the HI-LIFE today.

"Didn't I hear the clock strike 2 as you came in dear?"

"You did, my sweet. It started to strike 10, but I stopped it to keep it from waking you up."

Don't Look Now—But Friday The 13th Is Coming!

Do you shy away from ladders? Are you afraid to let a pin lie, and would you rather break your neck trying to catch a mirror than let it fall?

If so, your best bet is to stay in bed Friday with a locked door and the covers over your head, for this is the day when jinxes and ill omens really run wild.

"Isn't it rather early for Hallowe'en?" perhaps you're thinking.

Of course it isn't Hallowe'en, but don't look so relieved—it's just as bad. It's Friday the Thirteenth, the night of our first game.

So all of you who scoff at superstitions can venture timidly out, carrying your rabbit foot, of course, to see who will be hexed on this night of evil.

Kitten Squad Largest In W.H.S. History

Junior football got underway last Thursday afternoon when approximately 50 boys reported for practice, according to Coach Martin Stuart. This is probably the largest group ever to report for the Kitten squad in the history of Weslaco High.

As yet no games have been scheduled; and as the HI-LIFE went to press Monday, the schedule cannot be given until next week.

The squad has only one returning letterman, Baldwin Thompson; however, a number of reserves will make the team this year.

Coach Stuart made his first appearance in Weslaco High this year. Besides being junior coach, he is the physical instructor at Stephen F. Austin School.

Panthers To Meet Lyford Bulldogs Here Friday Night In First Conference Game

Odds Heavily Favor W. H. S. Eleven, As All Are Lettermen; Bulldog Strength Unknown

King Football takes his time-honored position at the Weslaco sports helm once again as the W.H.S. Panthers, defenders of the District 40-A crown, battle the tough Lyford Bulldogs in a conference thriller here tomorrow night to open the 1946 grid war.

Much is expected of the Weslaco squad again this year. With eleven returning lettermen, the Panthers are rated an excellent chance of copping the district championship for the third consecutive year, an accomplishment formerly considered well nigh impossible in most Valley grid circles. Running once again from the explosive T formation, the 1946 Panther aggregation displays definite signs of having the same mechanical offensive as possessed by last year's championship crew. The '45 Panthers totaled 359 big points during their twelve-tilt campaign.

Special attention should be given the Panthers' sturdy forward wall. Possessing eight of the '45 veterans and weighing in with a 164-pound average, this season's group of stalwarts might prove to be the greatest of the front line outfits in Panther pigskin history. Captain Ballard Bennett, Hal Potts, Homer Ryan, and John "Snozzle" Sawyer, all hard-bitten holdovers, should bear watching.

Little is known concerning Lyfords' pigskin powers, other than they will probably employ the single-wing formation and will enter the fracas with a host of lettermen. The Bulldogs' title aspirations were greatly hampered, however, with Klosterman's decision to enter Texas A&I College. Klosterman, a brawny 200 pound youth, led the Bulldog attack throughout last season. In their 1945 tussle with the Panthers, Lyford, Class B champion, dropped the tilt by a 62-0 margin but hopes to offer considerably more opposition this year.

When the starting whistle blows at eight o'clock, the probable Panther line-up will take the field:

Capt. Bennett—L.E.
McLeaish—L.T.
Sawyer—L.G.
Ryan—C.
Potts—R.G.
Jenkines—R.T.
Guess—R.E.
Martin—Q.B.
Jackson—L.H.
Freasier—R.H.
Cleckler—F.B.

Squarehead Meditates, Then Again Prophesies Gridiron Fortunes

High upon a bereaved peak bordering the morose wasteland called Donna by the picaresque pixies that abide there is seen the light of a flickering fire. As we draw near, we see a solitary figure bundled in a blanket gazing pensively into the flames.

As you probably have suspected, this bleak figure is none other than that wizened wizard, Chief Ima Squarehead, who last year defied all the accepted laws of chance and got correct 84 per cent of his gridiron predictions. Yes, the perennial pigskin prophet is back again to pit his giant intellect against the glib gods of the gridiron.

As we draw closer, we see that the foam of prophecy is on the lips of the block-headed one. Let us listen.

"I see two potentially great powers looming in the 16AA race. They are Edinburg and Brownsville. Of the two, Brownsville seems to be the stronger, but time will tell.

"In the 40A race Weslaco holds the unenviable role of favorite, with Donna and Mission close on her heels. For months now, Mission has been proclaiming her potentialities as a powerhouse, while Donna has said nothing. Moral-Donna is the biggest obstacle in Panther triple-crown hopes.

"Well, that's it in a nutshell. Of course, if at the end of the season, Brownsville and Weslaco don't happen to win their respective championships, don't come to me.

"Here are next week's predictions of the outcomes:

"Brownsville over Corpus Christi—It will be the Bucs' first game with their new double-wing formation.

"Harlingen over Donna—Donna always starts slow.

"Weslaco over Lyford—Looks as if Lyford will be the doormat of the Valley again this year.

"Mission over Edcouch—When did they start playing football?

"San Benito over La Feria—Massacre.

"Falfurrias over Mercedes—The Tiger are hoping to improve this year. Could be.

"There it is. Good-bye for now. I'll be with you next week with this week's results and more predictions."

Mr. Lovett: "What is a vacuum?"

Cato: "Really, Professor, I don't know, but I have it in my head."

Dan: "Why do you insist on an air-mail stamp? There is no letter in the envelope?"

Sam: "Because she's been two-timing me, and I want to give her the air."

Good morning, friends! My! What a lovely summer it has been for some people.

Ah! What's this? "RED" MARTIN and JODY are at it again. Thought you had a little girl from Freeport, "RED".

Our new cheerleaders, BETTY JEAN VOELKEL and MARJORIE ROGERS, were seen quite often this summer with "DIZZY" DEAN and BUSTER BENNETT. My, my, how these Donna boys do get around.

That DOREEN YODER was quite busy this summer with KENNETH WOODS from Donna. How about that!!

CARLINE, how did you like your date from Mercedes? I bet RALPH TUCKER enjoyed it, too.

That BETTY LEE CRAWFORD had a good time in Freeport. Did you miss DONALD JENKINES this summer???

That KENNETH SHERRY and NORMAN WATSON, our most polite boys in Weslaco High, had to escort our beautiful new junior to the office. I wonder why the boys became so polite so suddenly.

What's this we hear about our 1946 steady couples breaking up? How about that, RUBYE LEE and JIMMY?

Our ex-students have been doing pretty well. ROWENA HAAS, IMOGENE JONES, and CAROLINE KRAUSSE seem to miss their boy friends since the army has them all. Give them time—they'll be back in a year or so.

NANCY ALLEN, has been falling for DICK CHENIK and VAN SIDENER. Make up your mind; you can have only one. LUCY has one, NANCY.

Little Broadway To Sponsor Dance

After the Lyford game Friday, September 13, a dance called the "Surprise Package" will be sponsored by Little Broadway. The dance will begin at 10:45 P.M. at the Stephen F. Austin Grammar School.

Miss Anne Bauer is sponsor of Little Broadway, the dramatic club.

Various Changes Seen About W.H.S.

With the starting of the new school year, most of the students of W.H.S. have been so absorbed in their lessons that they probably have not had a chance to notice the new improvements and equipment that have been added since they last saw Weslaco High last spring.

While the most noticeable work was done on the bleachers, the cafeteria was repainted and an electric fountain was installed in the senior high building. The band house, also, will soon have cold water, since the pipe is laid and the fountain ready to be installed.

Taking a look at the new equipment, the students who are interested in science have probably noticed the new Physics equipment including a photoelectric cell. Those who are taking shop have possibly observed the refinished drawing tables and the new electrical appliances which will be used in the new course in electricity.

ELLA DEAN and ED are "steadying" again, although ED found MARJORIE ROGERS very interesting during the summer.

You seemed to have had a nice time on the bus back from Kerrville, FRANCES. That certain Methodist preacher's son from Mercedes sure is handy! Need I say more?

Flash! JACK FREASIER was with CARLENE SCOTT at the Air Day Dance in Harlingen Saturday night. Say, now!

What's this we hear about RICHARD BABB and INABELLE MIDGETT from Donna?

This is all for this summer's gossip, but I'll be back with some more.

Nylon Line? No! Bubble Gum? No!! COLD Water? Yes!!!

It must be a nylon line! Maybe they're selling bubble gum! No, as we squeeze through the hall, we see that it's only the line of thirsty studes getting a drink from the new water cooler.

The students of W. H. S. are certainly grateful for this addition by the school district. Now if we don't have a nickel for a coke, we **can** get a cold drink of water—if we can get close enough!

This coming football season Weslaco football fans will enjoy rebuilt and repainted bleachers to watch the Panthers in action. Through the combined efforts of Mr. LeMaster, Coach Hester and several high school boys, new numbers have been added to the bleachers and are painted in the original gray color. 600 seats on the west side will be reserved.

No more should there be groans over torn pads or giant-sized shoes for this year's team is the best equipped in many years.

Starting the season off Monday of last week, with a good hot day, a few of the boys threw their cookies. For further details see Robert Pickard.

This coming football season Kenneth Sherry and Norman Watson will be our student managers. These two boys are veterans of last year's squad. Norman is ineligible because of age, and Kenneth was injured in practice during Spring training.

The Kittens have started a good season this year with a new coach, Martin Stuart. Mr. Stuart is a member of the Stephen F. Austin faculty but comes over at 4 o'clock to work out with the boys.

Ballard "Squarehead" Bennett was elected captain of this year's squad at a meeting held last Wednesday. Ballard has participated in football for the past five years, during which he has played practically every position on the team. During last year's season he was chosen All-Valley center.

Mr. Wilson suggested that some class or club might buy another cooler for the other end of the hall, since the two bubblers are not enough for all the students.

I can never find my blotter
No matter how I try,
But futile searching serves to give
The ink a chance to dry.

R. McAlpin, Potts Head '46-'47 Senior, Junior Classes

Reece McAlpin was chosen president of the Senior Class and Hal Potts of the Junior Class in elections held in home rooms on Thursday of last week.

Presidents of the other high school classes are: Bill Pickard, sophomore; Mary Jean Wortham, freshman.

Other officers chosen were as follows:

Seniors: vice president, Ballard Bennett; secretary, Glenna Ruth Holman.

Juniors: vice president, Homer Ryan; secretary-treasurer, Shirley Bullard; reporter, Emma Jean Barber; social chairman, Loretta Shields.

Sophomores: vice president, Pattie Sue Schellhamer; secretary-treasurer, Joveta Johnson.

Freshmen: vice president, Alex Westbrook; secretary-treasurer, Edwina Stanley; reporter, Mary Sue Hampton, Charles Cardenas; social chairmen, Sally Nicklas, Nancy Ann Solether; sergeant-at-arms, Dale Jackson.

Class sponsors are as follows: Mrs. Carrothers and Mrs. Robertson, seniors; Mr. Sansing and Miss Williams, juniors; Mrs. Bain, Mr. Lovett, and Mr. Hester, sophomores; Miss Miller, Mr. Henson, and Miss Bauer, freshmen.

Nelson To Head Future Farmers

James Nelson was elected president of the Weslaco Chapter of Future Farmers of 1946-47 at their first regular meeting September 12, 1946.

Other officers chosen were vice president, Charles McWhorter; secretary, Alberto Hinojosa; reporter, Bill McKee; parliamentarian, Leroy Benbow; sentinel, Ray Dyer; song leader, George Thompson; historian, Gene Barth.

The chapter plans to initiate 16 new members to the degree of Greenhand within the next two weeks.

"An atheist's most embarrassing moment is when he feels profundly thankful for something, and can't think of anybody to thank for it."

Panthers To Meet Rattlers Friday Night On Barbee Field

Grid Battle Counts In Conference Play; Weslaco Given Role Of Favorite Against Starr Co. Boys

The Weslaco Panthers, rich in gridiron heritage, tussle the Rio Grande City Rattlers here Friday night in their second conference tilt of the young 1946 season.

Displaying an abundance of power and speed, the torrid Panthers walked over the hapless Lyford Bulldogs by a 66-0 margin last week in this year's opener. As was anticipated, the sturdy Panther forward wall gave promise of being the greatest ever; while the W.H.S. backfield quartet also gave an exceptionally capable performance.

Among the new Panther pigskin standouts the name of Ray Jackson predominates. Jackson, who tallied twice last week, is the younger brother of Virgil Jackson, gridiron immortal of the championship 1933 eleven.

Rio Grande City, another newcomer to the Class A ranks, invades the Panther stronghold as an unknown quantity. Playing football for the first time in several years, the Rattlers boast an exceptionally heavy team that is capable of dealing out plenty of punishment to anyone. Last Saturday the Rattlers dropped a 20 to 0 decision to St. Joseph's Academy of Laredo.

With a third district title as their ultimate ambition, the Panthers regard the coming tilt as another tough obstacle to overcome; consequently the Weslaco lads are working hard this week to advance a step further in their title defense.

Game time is slated for eight, with the following boys expected to start for the potent Panthers!

Bennett	LE
McLeaish	LT
Sawyer	LG
Ryan	C
Potts	RG
Jenkins	RT
Barnett	RE
Martin	QB
Jackson	LH
Freasier	RH
Cleckler	FB

All Speed Records Broken By Seniors

Yipe! What was that that just sped by? Was it a motor scooter or Mighty Mouse? It was something even faster! Now, you have it. Why of course, it was one of those seniors hurrying to get their rings that came Wednesday.

A long tradition was broken by this year's Senior Class, for it was the first time in the history of W. H .S. that the crest was not used on the class ring.

Instead, a gold W was used against a black background, with "high school" inscribed underneath. The figures 1, 9, 4, and 7 are on each of the four corners, and a panther on each side.

This year's senior is really proud of his ring, and can be seen polishing it and gazing at it. But most of all, he is proud of what it stands for, and the years he spent in Weslaco High.

Who's Who In 40A Conference

Teams	W	L	T	O
Weslaco Panthers	1	0	66	0
Donna Redskins	0	1	12	20
Pharr eBars	0	0	0	0
Mission Eagles	1	0	38	0
La Feria Lions	0	1	0	45
Raymondville Bearcats	0	0	0	0
Lyford Bulldogs	0	1	0	66
Rio Grande City Rattlers	0	1	0	20
Mercedes Tigers	0	1	0	15

Undefeated Teams in the Valley:

Weslaco, Raymondville, Mission, Pharr, Edinburg, San Benito, Robstown, Kingsville, McAllen.

What certain Junior girl, who has recently moved here from Washington, is very lonely since NOELIE CALDEIRA, from Mercedes, has gone to a military school in Austin? I won't tell her name, but her initials are P.K.

ED BARNETT seems to be awfully interested in CARLENE SCOTT, the new Junior from Houston. Say now, ED!

REECE AND PAT are together again. What happened to you two this summer?

Who is the seventh grader that ED COMPERE is so interested in? Is it Gail Henson? Could be!!

I wonder what two lucky girls HOMER and HAL will date now that SUZANNE and MARY ANN are gone! Well, time will tell.

I also heard DORIS POTTS is **nuts** about "Harlingen." Could it have anything to do with CARLINE'S ex, LINDON CAMPBELL?

EVA MAE turned down a date Friday night because she was expecting a call from someone else. Could it have been BILL?

Say, LARRY, we heard you and BILLIE GRAY ANDREWS from Mercedes hit it off okay this summer.

ANN, what makes Donna so interesting? Could it be a guy named BILL BROWN?

MARJORIE ROGERS was with BALLARD "SQUAREHEAD" BENNETT after the game. You really go for the name BENNETT, don't you, MARJORIE? First BUSTER, now BALLARD!

Among those seen at the Little Broadway dance after the game were: EMMA JEAN and NORMAN, CARLENE and ED BARNETT, BETTY LEE and DONALD JENKINES, NANCY SOLETHER and DWAIN SCOTT.

BETTY JEAN was with "DIZZY" DEAN twice over the weekend. This has become a habit with you two!!

FRANCES, what do you have against BARBARA EWING from Mercedes? Could it have anything to do with BOBBY STEER? I wonder!

Our Aim Has Not Changed

Some people say initiations are nonsense, but really, what would school be without them? If you never had to eat some terrible concoction, go through a belt line, scrub the sidewalks with a tooth brush, or come to school in "new styles," you'd really be missing loads of fun. After all, don't you really get a kick out of all this?

So, look forward to being initiated (or should we say tortured) because although a little commotion is created, even in the classrooms, none of us would be willing to drop this old tradition.

For the $32 question—in what country are we if the people are dressed in sombreros, huaraches, and sarapes? Mexico? Yes, you're right!

And now for the $64 question—where are we if we find the people dressed in long dresses, queer shapes called hats, one high-heeled shoe and one low-heeled shoe, with bottles of perfume hung around their necks and strings of onions for bracelets? No, we're not at a tacky party; we're merely at Weslaco High during one of the many initiations. These queer figures are the initiates.

Nearly everyone will at one time or another go through these horrible nightmares, because Roliki, Quill and Scroll, Future Homemakers, Future Farmers, Girl Reserves, and Little Broadway all require these horrible rites before one can become a member of the organization.

They Have Their Place

"We have a definite purpose in calling our annual LA PALMA, because the palm truly represents the branches of our school. The five branches on our tree are School Spirit, Love, Loyalty, Industry, and Activities. In this annual we have endeavored to present to you through pictures and copies of the HI-LIFE, a book that is truly representative of our school life; and if, in later years, this book enables you to recall with pleasure the days you spent in Weslaco High School, we shall feel that our aim has been accomplished.

There are probably none of you that would recognize that quotation today. It is taken from the "Foreword" of the 1939 LA PALMA, but it states completely the aim of all the Journalism classes these past years.

LA PALMA has definitely become a part of W.H.S., and we feel that you would not want it discontinued. Hence the annual staff is being organized, and work will begin soon.

Although it will cost more to publish an annual this year, the Journalism Class is going to try to meet the increased cost in other ways and hopes not to have to raise the price of the book. Subscribe promptly and show your loyalty to the HI-LIFE and LA PALMA.

Say, KITTY SUE, how do you and MERCER like the first curve? These games of chase really are fun, aren't they?

BETTY JUNE BOLES was with "BOOTS" from Lyford Friday night.

BONDY, whom are you thinking about these days? Could it be DOREEN?

Say, GWEN JOHNSON, ELWYN KILBY from Donna really is cute!

Panthers Down Bulldogs 66-0 Friday Night

Hester's Men Show Promise In First Conference Tilt

The Weslaco Panthers took the field for the first game of the 1946 season Friday night to trounce the Lyford Bulldogs with a score of 66-0.

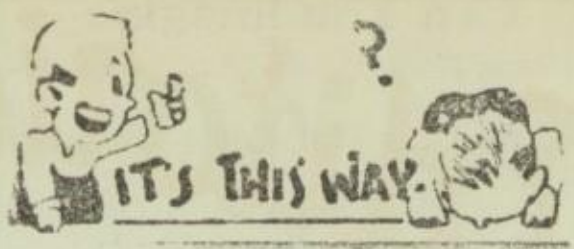
The Panthers received the kick, and after a series of plays Potts scored from the 14-yard line to make the first tally of the game and also of the '46 season. Ryan kicked the point. The Panthers fumbled a number of times in the first quarter, and the period ended with the score 7-0.

The next marker came in the first part of the second quarter, when Martin drove over from the 18-yard line. Ryan kicked the point. The first thrill of the game came when Bennett intercepted a pass on the 40-yard line and raced 60 yards along the side line to pay dirt. Ryan converted for the point, thus ending the scoring for the half.

Martin started the ball rolling the second half by driving over from the 25-yard line. Ryan again kicked the point. Weslaco kicked off to Lyford and after four downs took the ball. After a series of plays Bennett faded bait and shot a long pass to Jackson for the "teedee." The try for the point failed. The last score of the third quarter came when Osborne drove home from the twenty.

Lyford weakened so that in the fourth quarter the Weslaco eleven scored four times. McLeaish went over from the 3-yard line, then Jackson from the 17, Pickard tallied the next, and Bennett made the last score with a pass from Martin. Ryan converted for two of the four tries for extra points. All during the game the powerful Panther line kept the Bulldog backs bottled up.

Bennett, Martin and Jackson were high scorers, with two each to their credit. Jackson, McLeaish, and Bennett were outstanding for the Panthers, while Lassig was for the losers.



This has been a busy reporter—trying to snoop around learning the dope on initiations, the game, dance, etc. 'Tain't easy. Yep—tuff life.

Never let it be said that W.H.S. belles aren't the most stylish in Texas. A visitor's eyes would gaze upon some of the Future Homemakers and Little Broadway initiates Monday and Tuesday of last week, wandering about the campus, bowing, carrying books, and following orders of old members and agree that they are good sports and it's all in fun.

The Band is doing a grand job, and we can look forward to a good marching band this year. You can find them sweating it out every third period and once or twice a week at night. Good going, kids! Loretta is a capable, hard working drum major, too.

Bondy Harmon and Ann Waller, editor and asst. editor respectively, are doing a swell job on the HI-LIFE this year.

The seniors aren't trying to fly. They are just showing off their new rings. They're really snazzy, kids.

Congrats are certainly in order for the Little Broadway members, who put on a very successful dance after the game. Ballard Bennett crowned Marjorie Rogers queen of the dance. (Bondy Harmon, club president, stated that a queen will be crowned at every dance.) The school Thespians did a good job.

Those Panthers just can't be stopped. Now, how can the other schools blame us for braggin' about our mighty Panthers?

Weslaco made fifteen first downs to Lyford's two, and eight penetrations to none. Lyford completed one pass out of four thrown, while Weslaco threw four and completed five, intercepting two. Lyford punted nine times with an average of 23 yards. Weslaco did not punt throughout the game.

Four Special Assemblies To Be Given

Journalism Class To Sponsor These Entertainments

The Journalism Class this year is sponsoring four entertainment programs which they obtained from Southern School Assemblies. The interest manifested by the student body last year in the two assemblies sponsored by the class has led the group to add two more attractions this year. The purpose of bringing these programs to the students is to provide wholesome entertainment for the entire student body and to raise money for the annual.

The first of these assemblies is to be held Wednesday, October 2, at 9 o'clock. Harold B. Davidson, underwater explorer, will give an interesting discussion of sea life and deep-sea diving. Other demonstrations will be performed.

The Kilties, international Scottish singers and pianist, will be here Friday, November 1. Dressed as Highland Scots, they will render an excellent performance of musical numbers, impersonations, etc.

Juggling will be demonstrated by Robert and Marie Henry March 26. This will be a novelty program featuring several numbers, including six trained dogs.

The last of these programs will be held April 22, when the Montagues, Master Magicians, will provide a truck load of fun for everyone. The Wizard of "Ah's", assisted by Myrnella, the Memory Lady, will be in charge of this program.

The Southern School Assemblies, now entering its sixteenth season, provides programs for more than 600 schools. The four entertainments will cost the class a total of $140, plus tax. The price of admission will be announced later.

Artist: "I paint a picture in three days, and think nothing of it."

Critic: "Neither do I."

The Panthers had a good practice when they scrimmaged the Edinburg Bobcats last Wednesday night. It gave the team experience in their defensive play, which they have had little time for this season. The team played very well and probably showed the Bobcats a little about football.

The Kittens have been showing fight and spirit so far this season. Their first game will be played here October 3, with the Mercedes Cats. Although the Kittens are light and inexperienced, they are future Panthers, and we know they'll do their best!

Burton Tidwell and "Corky" Block who are ineligible to play this year because Burton moved to Raymondville and "Corky" moved to California last year, will take statistics of the games, since Ballard Bennett, Jerry Waggoner, and Ed McLeaish, the regular sports writers, are on the team. This will make the write-ups of the games more accurate.

We extend sympathy to Bob Guess, who broke his wrist in the first quarter of the game Friday night. We hope that it will heal soon, so that he can get back to help those Panthers.

New megaphones arrived last week. They are large and army green.

Can You Imagine—

Mrs. Robertson without a grapevine?

Ella Dean and Eddie not fussing?

Kenneth Sherry not flirting with all the girls?

Norman Watson being quiet?

W.H.S. without a swell football team?

Mr. Murphy standing still when he talks in assemblies?

Jody and "Red" not breaking up and then going back together?

Dillie not singing?

Betty June Boles with black hair?

Seniors not showing off their rings?

A football game without the ole W.H.S. spirit?

The Junior Class with some new boys?

The clubs of Weslaco High without initiations?

W.H.S. without Miss Black? (What would we do without her?)

Mr. Murphy letting tardy students in without an excuse?

Mr. Sansing coaching the football team?

Coach Hester not having some witty saying about each of his players?

Miss Spratt letting students talk in Study Hall?

Mrs. Hoge ceasing to teach Social Studies?

English IV being an easy course?

All W.H.S. students studying when they should?

Weslaco not playing Donna every year?

Edward McLeaish not talking out of turn?

Four Attend G.R. Interclub Camp

"Where's my bottle? (water of course) "Who's got the cheese?" Then comes a voice from somewhere in the night, "Bugs!"

No, it isn't North Austin; those were just some of the remarks heard at the Interclub council meeting of the Girl Reserves.

Planning for the New Year was the theme of the conference held September 14 and 15 at the Y.W.-C.A. camp in Rio Hondo. Patsy Martin president, Doreen Yoder, song leader, Miss Jean Spratt, and Miss Louise Williams, co-sponsors, attended from Weslaco.

W. H. S. Enrollment Reaches New High

At the end of the second week of school, Weslaco Junior-Senior High Schools hit an all-time high with 461 enrolled in school. A total of 500 to 550 students is expected by the middle of December, according to A. C. Murphy, principal. Junior high has 182 enrolled, while senior high has 270.

Leading in size is the seventh grade with 99 students, while the freshman and sophomore classes are close seconds with 85 each. Taking the third place is the eighth grade with 83. At the tail end of the list come the Juniors with 60 and the Seniors with 49.

She: "You deceived me before our marriage. You told me you were well off."

He: "I was, but I didn't know it."

Squarehead's Skill Brings High Score

The results of last week's grid games were very pleasing — at least from Squarehead's point of view. He guessed five out of six, which gives him a solid 83 per cent to start the season.

As we find him this week, he is scratching his cubicle cranium and studying last week's results. Let us listen.

"It was too bad I had to miss the Brownsville-Corpus game. I did want a perfect score the first week, but even a great chief can't buck Kismet. Here's how they turned out:

"Brownsville 12—Corpus Christi 34—According to Brownsville's way of thinking, this catastrophe is exceeded only by the Chicago fire.

"Mission 37—Edcouch-Elsa 0—Mission says they can field three good teams. Too bad they can only use one at a time.

"Harlingen 20—Donna 12—Both teams proved themselves pretty tough.

"Weslaco 66—Lyford 0 — This proved nothing except that the Panthers could stomp a team which was completely out of its class.

"San Benito 45—La Feria 0—The Greyhounds may surprise some 16 AA opponents.

"Falfurrias 14—Mercedes 0—It's back to the old rut for the Tigers.

"So goes the past. Now let's look at the future.

"Brownsville over Luther Burbank—Why don't they play Monte Alto?

"Harlingen over Mercedes—Perhaps by not too big a margin.

"San Benito over Laredo—by a goodly score.

"Edinburg over Mission—They ought to let Mission use their three teams just to even things up.

"Falfurrias over McAllen — It should be close.

"Weslaco over Rio Grande City—It is believed that the Rattlers could play Lyford a close game.

"Donna over La Feria—By only about twelve or thirteen touchdowns.

"P-SJ-A over Lyford—Natch.

"Well, it ends here, but I'll be back again next week. Hope you enjoy the games."

'47 LA PALMA Staff Chosen Last Week

Members of the staff of LA PALMA, school annual, were elected last Thursday at noon. Staff positions will be filled as follows:

Make-up editor—Julius Knebel; Art—Jeannine Bones, Dolly Dibrell, Hazel Hilbrand, Suzanne Eccles; Classes—Doris Jean Potts, Betty Jean Voelkel, Norman Watson, Kenneth Sherry; Organizations—Patsy Keen. Patsy Martin, Jean Barber; Features—Ann Waller, Peggy Hull; Snapshots—Dolly Dibrell, Kittie Sue Allen, Ventura Castaneda, Kenneth Jones; Sports—Ed McLeaish, Jerry Waggoner, Jim McAlpin.

Editors Ballard Bennett and Doreen Yoder were chosen by the sponsors, as is customary; while Business Managers Homer Ryan and Kenneth Sherry, elected by the Journalism Class, will serve on both LA PALMA and the HI-LIFE.

Miss Black, who has sponsored both LA PALMA and the HI-LIFE for a number of years, will be assisted on LA PALMA this year by Miss Marjorie Miller. Miss Miller will supervise the production staff, while Miss Black will be in charge of the business management. This year's publications of the Journalism Class, including both LA PALMA and the HI-LIFE will cost approximately $1,700, Miss Black stated.

Wife's Version:

"If you're looking for my husband, he's gone fishing. Just walk down the river bank until you find a pole with a worm on each end."

BENNETT, YODER TO EDIT LA PALMA; BOTH PROMINENT ON CAMPUS

Ballard Bennett and Doreen Yoder have been named editor and assistant editor of the 1946-47 LA PALMA.

Ballard, a senior, is well qualified for the position as editor of LA PALMA, since he served as assistant editor of the annual last year and worked on it year before last. He is captain of the football team, president of the Roliki Club, and vice-president of the Senior Class. For the past two years Ballard has written the "Squarehead" column, and he served as editor of the HI-LIFE last year.

Doreen, a junior and a well known campus photographer, will be assistant editor. She is secretary of the Weslaco Band, reporter of the Future Homemakers, and song leader of the Girl Reserves. She also belongs to the Science Club and Little Broadway, and is a member of the HI-LIFE staff.

Under the leadership of these editors, it is expected that the 1946-47 LA PALMA will maintain the high standards set by previous staffs.

Sorrowful Squarehead's Score Slowly Sags

This week Squarehead is in a very dejected mood. We find him sadly poring over last week's results. Let us listen.

"Why do things like this have to happen? How was I to know Laredo had a team capable of playing Army? They never have had.

"Yes, I missed two this week. Here are the results:

"Laredo 50—San Benito 0—Laredo could be a sleeper in the state race.

"McAllen 12 — Falfurrias 6 — Close but still a miss.

"Harlingen 24—Mercedes 0 — I have a hunch the Tigers are just about on last year's par, while the Cardinals are a little better—only a little.

"Edinburg 19—Mission 6—Either Mission is better than this critic thought or Edinburg is worse—or both.

"Brownsville 27—Luther Burbank 0 — The Harlingen STAR says the Eagles looked ragged. My! My! Wait till they tangle with Harlingen.

"Weslaco 65—Rio Grande City 0—We open football season this week.

"Donna 39—La Feria 2 — Not bad at all. Watch those Redskins.

"Alas, this pulls my grand average down to 79 per cent, but with a smile from the gridiron omnipresents I'll be back in the eighties next week.

"Let's look at next week's schedule.

"Weslaco over Harlingen — It has been a long time since a Panther team has tasted defeat at the hands of the Cardinals.

"Edinburg over Pharr—It's in the bag.

"Donna over McAllen — The Bulldogs tripped me up last week, and they could do it again.

"Mercedes over Rio Grande City—The Tigers will probably get the big head.

"La Feria over Lyford—A real puzzler. Whom would you take?

"Mission over Raymondville—We believe Mission will remember this game a long time. (They play on that desert Raymondville calls a football field.)

"There you are, friends. Help me pray for a norther."

THRU THE KEYHOLE

JIMMY MOYER was home from San Marcos Saturday. PATSY McBRIDE was so thrilled! They had a wonderful time in Reynosa Saturday night.

ROSALIE was with ED HOLLAND from Donna Saturday, too. By the way, Rosalie, we hear JERRY GROVES from Donna called you long distance all the way from Washington, D. C.

GLENNA "WOLF" HOLMAN is doing nicely with her TED McCOLLUM!

EVA MAE was with BILL SOLETHER last Wednesday night and with RED on Friday night. My, but you do get around!

RICHARD BABB and SUE THOMPSON were together over the weekend. Whatever happened to INABELLE MIDGET, RICHARD?

DORIS JEAN and CARLINE can't wait until the Harlingen game! Well, LINDON CAMPBELL is cute at that!

PEGGY KIRGAN was with her sailor this weekend. Where did you get him?

CARLENE SCOTT was with ED BARNETT Friday night! What happened to HAL?

FREDDIE, did you have a nice time with ANNA LOU RICHARDS Saturday night?

It seems that HOMER hasn't forgotten SUZANNE. He's going to Dallas to see her!

LORETTA and FRANCES were with "DRAWERS" from Elsa after the game.

News has just reached us that KENNETH JONES has a new flame in Weslaco.

MARJORIE, were you lonesome without one of the BENNETTS this week?

RICHARD McCOLLUM and SALLY NICKLAS were gazing fondly at each other in the show over the weekend. Have you forgotten ELAINE so soon, RICHARD?

BETTY JEAN was with DIZZY again this week. She just can't stay away from Donna boys!

Why aren't WOODY and DOREEN getting along?

Flash! PATSY MARTIN and REECE McALPIN broke up! PATSY has eyes for HOMER now!

Editorials

Let's Make The Twelfth Man Count!

In the last two weeks the Panthers have lost three players on the first team, either for part or the remainder of the football season.

They are Ray Cleckler, Bob Guess, and Donald Jenkines. Ray suffered a pulled ligament in his left knee during a scrimmage with Edinburg, Bob broke his left wrist in the opening game of the season, and Donald broke his right leg in two places last Wednesday afternoon.

This is a great loss for the team. It does not mean, however, that our hopes for winning the district crown again this year are gone. The Panthers will only fight harder to defeat our opponents.

The success of the Panthers, too, will depend on the twelfth man, the students of Weslaco High. We must be loyal to the team. They need our support more than ever.

Let's show the Panthers, the people of Weslaco, and our opponents that "The Spirit of Weslaco High" is greater this year than it has ever been.

Are You One Of The 132?

Can you imagine a W.H.S. student saying, "Well, I don't guess I'll go to the game because I'll read about it in the paper or (if it is broadcast) hear it over the radio"?

Probably you can't imagine it, because the students really have the spirit and are behind the team 100%. But maybe you have heard some of the students say, "Well, I don't guess I'll buy or subscribe to the HI-LIFE because I'll read it in the WESLACO NEWS or I'll read someone else's paper!" Fortunately there aren't very many students like this, though.

The Journalism class set a goal of 200 subscribers by Tuesday noon of last week, before the second edition of the paper. This goal was reached and passed. The class wishes to thank each of you for the cooperation in helping it succeed in making the goal. Of the students who didn't subscribe, about 120 bought papers on the campus. There are still about 132 students, however, who neither bought a paper nor subscribed!

Although the cost of the HI-LIFE has doubled, the Journalism Class has kept the same prices. In order to do this, we need the cooperation of every student.

So why don't you who neither bought nor subscribed to the paper last week subscribe this week? It still isn't too late! De we have YOUR cooperation?

It Was Mystelidae Mephitis—The Skunk!

An interesting study in facial expressions would have been noticed last Friday by anyone who was minus an olfactory nerve or who was wearing a gas mask and could afford to look around.

The majority of the students were literally writhing in agony whenever the malodorous eastern breeze wafted its way daintily across the campus, leaving evidence of the presence of one of our little animal friends who, though passed from the realm of the living, was taking, perhaps through a spirit medium, an ample revenge on the malefactors who had caused his untimely demise.

Incidentally, the skunk was the cause of much anxiety in classes on the east side of senior high which were nearest the little stinker.

Panthers Tussle 'Ballyhoo Boys' In Non-Conference Tilt Here Friday Night

Injury-Riddled Panthers Rated Slight Underdogs Against Classy Cardinals; Large Crowd Anticipated

In what promises to furnish grid thrills equivalent to any tilt this year, the Weslaco Panthers, pigskin toughies of 40-A conference, tangle with the high-flying Harlingen Cardinals, co-favorites to cop the 16-AA crown, here Friday night. An unusually large crowd is expected to be on hand for the opening kick-off.

With three serious injuries cutting deep into the Panthers' title aspirations, the Weslaco crew will enter the non-conference fray as silght underdogs. With the loss of Guess, Cleckler, and Jenkines, only a dismal skeleton remains of the once-potent Panther forward wall, which was previously labeled a top-notch outfit. Plenty of scoring punch remains, however; and with a classy array of backs spearheaded by Martin and Freasier, the Weslaco eleven has rung up a 131-point total thus far this year. The Panthers' goal line has yet to be crossed.

According to newspaper reports, the Harlingen Cardinals, currently known throughout the Valley as the "Ballyhoo Boys," are the team to beat in the Valley's senior football conference. Led by big Lew Levine, the H. H. S. "Ballyhoo Boys" have romped over Coach Osborne Little's Donna Redskins 20 to 12 and thoroughly trounced the Mercedes Tigers by a 25 to 0 count. Possessing much additional bulk over last year's squad, the Cardinals display Levine, Silvers, Hext, and Cocke as logical all-Valley candidates.

In past years the aggressive Weslaco aggregations have always proved to be a thorn in the side of even the greatest of Cardinal elevens. Few old-time fans forget the '39 fracas, when an extremely weak Panther outfit dropped a 19-18 thriller to the Cardinals, then co-champs of the AA league, after leading 18-0 at half time. Since 1941 the Cardinals have yet to outscore the mid-Valley Panthers: Weslaco won a 25-6 thriller last year.

In regard to the coming tilt, Coach Grady Hester, grid mentor of the Champion Panthers stated. "After a hard week of scrimmage the Panthers should take the field in top form, despite the loss of three regulars."

The probable staritng line-up, as announced by Coach Hester, is as follows:

Bennett—LE
McAlpin—LT
Sawyer—LG
Ryan—C
Potts—RG
Clevinger—RT
Barnett—RE
Martin—QB
Freasier—RH
Jackson—LH
McLeaish—FB

7 W.H.S. Boys Join Roliki Club

Seven new members have been invited to join the Roliki Club. They are Billy Ford,, Arnold Dreyer, Jimmy McLeaish, Tommy Pepper, Elden Wren, Billy Griffin, and Reece McAlpin. Initiations for the new members will be held within the next week. At a regular meeting last Wednesday "Red" Martin was appointed program chairman, and Ed McLeaish was elected social chairman.

Who's Who In 40-A Conference

Teams	W.	L.	T.	O.
Weslaco Panthers	2	0	131	0
Donna Redskins	1	1	51	22
Pharr Bears	1	0	33	0
Mission Eagles	1	1	44	19
La Feria Lions	0	2	2	84
Raymondville Bearcats	1	0	25	2
Lyford Bulldogs	0	2	0	99
Rio Grande City Rattlers	0	2	0	85
Mercedes Tigers	0	2	0	40

Undefeated teams in the Valley are as follows:

Weslaco, Harlingen, Pharr, Edinburg, McAllen, and Raymondville.

Deep-Sea Diver To Bring Thrilling Story of Adventure

Harold B. Davidson, professional deep-sea diver, will present a program in assembly Wednesday, October 2, at 9 o'clock. The special assembly is being sponsored by the Journalism Class.

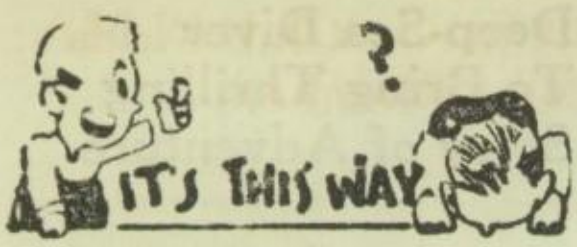
Mr. Davidson, who was with the first crew to go below when work on the foundered **Normandie** was begun, has seen service in Northern Africa, Casablanca, and other places. He helped to lay the pipeline across New Haven Harbor and assisted in filming the motion picture "Titans of the Deep."

In addition to discussing his own experiences, he will don a complete diving suit and explain how the diver works. His scientific expeditions and association with deep sea life should provide an interesting topic for the students to enjoy hearing.

The Journalism Class has obtained this program from Southern School Assemblies. Admission charge will be 20 cents including tax. Profits from the program will go into the fund for publishing the annual.

"Tell me," gushed the inquisitive matron, "do you do anything in the nude?"

"Well, madam," replied the artist, "occasionally I take a bath."



Hello, drips! Ready for your regular Wednesday morning chat? Well, It's This Way—

They always return to the scene of the crime!

Many former W.H.S. students were seen wandering about the campus and through the halls and were at our first pep rally before leaving for college.

Among them were Lynette Stahl, Rubye Lee Johnson, last year's drum major and Panther Sweetheart, respectively, Francis Betts, Nancy Allen, Rowena Haas, Dorothy Hendrichson, Lucy Ainsworth, Doris Schupp, Bob Dennison, Bill Solether, Robert Lee Donaldson, Betty Jean Price, Billy Jo Ryan, Mary Ann Burton, Jim Moyer, Glen Gound, and Dennis Griffin.

Congrats are in order for Ballard "Carrot Top" Bennett, editor of LA PALMA and Doreen Yoder, assistant editor. A fine annual is expected this year.

Wasn't the Little Broadway Formal Initiation wonderful! Ha! Ha! The HI-LIFE regrets that the stroy of the initiation went to press before the initiation was postponed.

Look what the cats drug up! It's "Cornbread" Cleckler, a former W. H.S. Football star, who is now in the Army. Say, "Cornbread," Uncle Sam has certainly kept you in good condition!

Football games seem to be the most logical places to get a sore throat. That's okay, kids; keep up that good school spirit. It really helps the boys. No kiddin'.

Our Panthers just can't be beaten. Nice going, fellas! Keep up the good work!

Orchids to the Band for that good drill Friday night. Those cartwheels were really effective!

Students of W.H.S. extend their sympathy to Kenneth Sherry, who was burned Saturday while at work. We also regret the injuries to Ray, Bob, and Donald.

Panthers Snow Rattlers Under 65-0

Game Proves Easy, As Home Team Scores At Will

In their second game of the season the mighty Weslaco Panthers trampled the Rio Grande City Rattlers by the score of 65-0. The score lacked only one point equaling that of last week's game.

The Panthers received the opening kick-off and carried the ball back to the Rattlers' 45-yard line. Then in about three plays Jackson scored from the 30-yard line. Ryan kicked the point. That started things, and shortly after, Sawyer crossed the marker for the second score from the 40. Ryan converted for the point. The only thrill of the game and the longest run came when McLeaish drove 65 yards to pay dirt. Again Ryan converted for the point. To end th quarter, Osborne hit pay dirt from the 25-yard line. The try for point failed.

The second quarter slowed a bit, with the Rattlers penetrating the Panthers' 20 because of a fumble. It was the only time the Rattlers got inside their twenty the whole game. The first scorer for the home team in the second quarter was Sawyer, with Ryan kicking the point. To end the scoring for the first half, Jackson went over from the 40. Again Ryan converted.

The third quarter was even slower than the second for the Panthers, as McLeaeish scored the only "teedee" and the try for point failed.

In the final period the Panthers racked up three more counters. Jackson galloped 52 yards for the first, Freasier plunged 7 yards for the next one, and Jackson drove 10 yards for the last. The try for all three points failed.

The Panther line kept the Rattler backfield bottled up the entire game. Weslaco made 21 first downs to Rio Grande City's one and 13 penetrations to one. Rio Grande City completed one pass out of seven thrown, while Weslaco completed one out of six attempted. Weslaco did not punt, while Rio Grande City's punting average was 22 yards.

Coach Hester has shifted his squad around trying to replace Ray Cleckler and Bob Guess, both lost by injuries. Ed McLeaish has shifted from tackle to Cleckler's position at fullback. Ed Barnett is playing right end, replacing Bob Guess, who received an arm injury in the Lyford game.

During practice last Wednesday Donald Jenkines, first string tackle, broke his right leg, thus ending abruptly his last football season for Weslaco High School.

The player who is receiving more competition than any player on first string is Homer Ryan, center. Billy Joe "Head" Day is the one who is giving Homer his gray hairs. Day is noted for his excellent downfield blocking and fine defense work. This situation is worth watching.

The boys have a new name for Ed McLeaish now — "Snaggletooth" McLeaish. Ed is minus a half tooth after last Wednesday's practice. This may teach him not to hit McAlpin so hard!

The Ryan family still has football players for Weslaco. The latest additions to the Weslaco squad are Dicky and Jackie, who are playing for the Kittens.

Last Friday night we saw a young blond guard, John E. "Van Johnson," Sawyer score two touchdowns. Another gallant fighting new Panther star is that 126 lbs. of lightning, Ray Jackson, who scored four touchdowns. Robert Pickard came through with one, but it was nullified because of a penalty.

Next Saturday the football team will make their yearly appearance at San Antonio. They will see the Texas Tech-Texas A. and M. game and other sights of San Antonio. Doubtless Bennett will take his usual stroll through the city and get lost.

W.H.S. Plans Council From Student Body

Plans Being Made For Organization

A form of student government is being set up in the Weslaco Junior-Senior High School. The purpose of this organization is to obtain the opinions of the student body, through representatives, on matters pertaining to school activities and governing policies which will be discussed with the faculty.

During the second week of school temporary representatives, among them being Reece McAlpin, Hal Potts, Pattie Sue Schellhamer, Kathryn Cleckler, Charles Sawyer, and Tom Nicklas, were elected from the six grades. These representatives met with Mrs. Thompson, student counsellor, and Mr. Murphy, principal of junior-senior high.

The purpose of the first meeting was to obtain the opinion of the representatives of the student body as to the advisability of setting up points for elective offices, so that no one student would have too much responsibility and other students would have a chance to serve in elective offices. The representatives were in favor of the point system to be set up this year, but not to go into effect until next year.

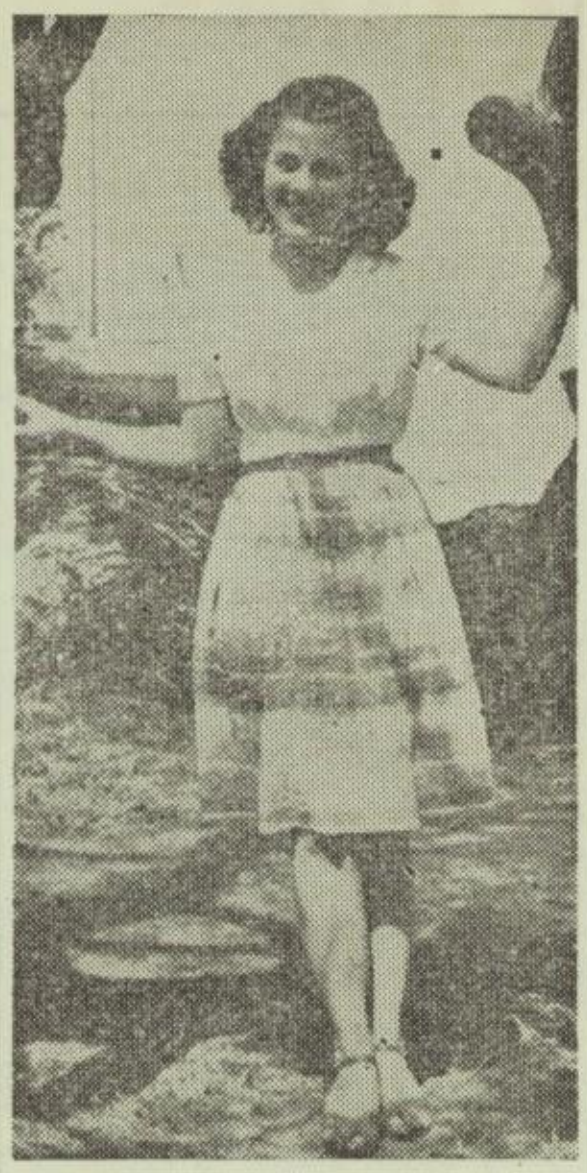
Within the near future a permanent student council will be set up, in which there will be a president of the student body and a representative from each class, who will meet with three members of the faculty at scheduled times to discuss problems that have arisen and to obtain the opinions of the student body.

It is believed that a student government will instill in the students a form of democratic understanding and ideals which will be valuable for the future citizens of America.

Mr. Ryan: "What's this 60 on your report card?"

Homer: "I don't know. Do you suppose it could be the room temperature?"

ROGERS, JUNIOR, CHOSEN PANTHER SWEETHEART



Marjorie Rogers, junior, was chosen Panther Sweetheart of the '46-'47 season in an election held on the campus Thursday of last week. The race was the closest in years, with fewer than six votes difference in the two candidates.

Marjorie is a cheerleader this year. Last year she was a candidate for the most beautiful girl from the Sophomore Class. She is treasurer of the Future Homemakers and a member of Girl Reserves.

Marjorie was presented in a ceremony on Barbee Field by Ballard Bennett, Panther captain.

Six Weeks' Exams To Be Next Week

Six weeks' exams may be given by the teachers at any time, next week, according to Principal A. C. Murphy. However, they must be over by October 11.

Report cards will be given out on Thursday, October 17, and are to be returned the next day.

Thirteen Club Adds Nine Members

Billy Griffin was elected president of the Thirteen Club at a meeting held last Wednesday at noon in the Science Department. Other officers are as follows: Vice president, Ann Waller; secretary, Arnold Dryer; and sergeant-at-arms, Horace Coker.

After losing twelve members last year, nine have been replaced by new members. These are Betty June Boles, Jen Schritter, Donnanell Keathly, Francis Hudson, Tommy Pepper, Elden Wren, Arnold Dryer, Jimmy Clark, and Horace Coker.

Members will begin work on their projects at the next meeting, according to Carl Lovett, sponsor.

Floor Show Makes Dance Success

A four-part floor show assured the success of the second dance sponsored by Little Broadway Friday night at 10:30 in the grade school auditorium. Those present danced to records and were entertained with a nightclub theme floor show.

Carline Lobitz, mistress of ceremonies, introduced the various numbers. A trio, consisting of Dillie Nicklas, Ella Dean Barber, and Loretta Shields sang, "Hey Ba Be Re Bop." Bobby Hankal, as a French waiter with a very convincing accent, sketched Patsy McBride.

Perhaps the funniest part of the entire program was a four-act drama, starring Larry Lehman and Bondy Harmon. (You might ask Eddie Fisher what happened to the third act.)

Marjorie Rogers, Panther Sweetheart, was presented a lovely corsage, and, Jody Farina, runner-up, was also given a corsage and crowned queen of the dance. Several members of the Harlingen Band were there.

Mrs. Thompson has brought copies of National Georgraphic, Life, Fortune and Reader's Digest to school to be used as reference material. These magazines may be cut. They may be obtained from Mrs. Thompson's office if students wish to use them in any of your class work.

Your sleepy-eyed reporter had quite a time keeping up with the latest gossip, but, as you will see, there's plenty of mud to be slung.

It seems that a good time was had by all at the Little Broadway dance Friday night. SUE THOMPSON was with EARL LEE PIKE. Did RICHARD have a nice time with SALLY NICKLAS? CARLENE SCOTT and RAY JACKSON, MARJORIE and BALLARD, BETTY LEE and DONALD, JODY and RED, ELLA DEAN and ED (honest!), JACK and MARY ARTHUR (McAllen) were all there, too.

Say, ARNOLD, how many girls did you ask to the dance?

BILLY THOMAS, did you ever get a date for the dance Friday?

We hear that two of our exstudes were together in San Antonio—RUBYE LEE and—no, not JIMMY, OLAN!

HAL POTTS was with CAROL ANN JONES (Harlingen) over the weekend. They double-dated with EVA MAE and BILL SOLETHER. Whom did you say you turned down this week, EVA MAE?

Seen at El Sombrero Saturday night were KITTY SUE ALLEN and ERNEST PATE, ANNA LOU RICHARDS (new stude) and PAUL PATE. My, these W. H. S. studes really go for Mexican food!

Incidentally, MISS SPRATT is still looking for her horse! If anyone has seen it, take it to the library immediately.

ED COMPERE'S dance in Donna turned out all right, didn't it, GAIL? VAN SIDENER and PATRICIA ROSS seemed to think so too, not mentioning PEGGY KIRGAN and TOMMY PEPPER.

The McAllen show set the scene for HAZEL HILBRAND and KENNETH JONES Saturday night. I wonder who they were double-dating with?

ZOE, were you lonesome for KENNETH Friday night? I guess Sunday afternoon made up for it, though!

I hear PATSY MARTIN and REECE had a good time Friday night. N. C.

Flash! GLENNA (Wolf?) HOLMAN and TED McCOLLUM have broken up! TED was seen Sunday afternoon alone.

Say, RUBIN, a certain little blond is certainly anxious to meet you. I won't mention her name, but her initials are B. J. B.

BETTY JEAN VOELKEL was with DIZZY DEAN again this week end. I hear they went to Carter's Lake. Wow!!

Flash! Scoop! "RED" is now a free man Line forms to the left, girls.

Those certainly were pretty ear rings you gave KITTY SUE, MERCER. I hear you were in the show together over the week end too. Say now.

The "Double S" club had a "slumberless" party after the dance Friday night. Did you all ever get any sleep. MARGE, I didnt know you were so crazy about dogs!

Well, since it didn't rain so much on Sunday, the mud is just about dry. Too bad, but we'll be back again next week! (Was that a groan I heard?)

What Makes A Good Band?

There are very few bands in the Valley that can compare with Weslaco's. For a good many years the Band has made a name for itself which no other band in the Valley has been able to equal.

If there is a football game, a band contest in playing or marching, or any other occasion for which bands are invited to play, the Weslaco High Band is **always** there.

Last year the Band probably traveled to more places, did more things, and received more honors than any other band in the Valley.

This year the Band intends to keep that record.

Perhaps the greatest feature of this group is that it is a team which always works together. Another fact is that the people of Weslaco are always concerned about the band and follow and support it wherever it goes.

For those who may not know, there are more than twenty-five new members in the Band this year. These boys and girls are inexperienced, and it will take time to train them. As the season progresses, the Band will improve.

Under the guidance of our director the Band will do its best, and the best is what it will do.

B. H.

Campaigning Can Be Fun!

"Vote for Jody!" "Rogers for Sweetheart!" "I can't make up my mind; they're both such swell candidates!"

Didn't you hear these and similar remarks on the campus from Monday afternoon until Thursday noon? However, campaigning isn't the only thing that goes on during the campaign. Some of the "inside" jobs which people think little about require more time, energy, and brains.

For instance, how do you think the signs were painted? A gremlin certainly didn't do it! It was the hard work of several seniors and juniors. And the skits didn't just appear on a blank sheet of paper. No, they, too, were the brain children of a few industrious upperclassmen.

Here's thanks to all the kids who helped in either campaign. Without these exciting phases of an election, school-life would be rather dull!

Cards Beat Panthers 39-7

H.H.S. Club Displays Superiority Over Local Crew

Unveiling an overpowering offensive, the swift Harlingen Cardinals swept past the Weslaco Panthers to cop a 39 to 7 victory before a capacity crowd here Friday night.

The Cardinals got going early in the first period when they recovered a Panther fumble on the Weslaco 24-yard line. Three plays later big Lew Levine lunged over to tally from the four. Try for point failed.

Early in the second quarter the Harlingen lads tallied to gain on a short 23-yard drive following another Panther fumble. Silvers was responsible for the marker on a short three-yard thrust over his own left tackle. Try for point was good.

By virtue of a sustained ground power drive, the Weslaco crew chalked up their lone touchdown of the evening. Husky Jack Freasier, who accounted for the Panther score, led the attack throughout the march. Try for point was good.

In the last half the slaughter got underway. With the Cardinals slinging an abundance of aerials, they shoved across 26 big points. Silvers, Fink, Hext, and Leggett all aided in tallying the late game scores.

All in all, the Panthers fumbled eight times, losing possession of the ball on seven occasions. Also, three good interference penalties were inflicted against the Weslaco eleven. Twelve first downs were picked up by the H. H. S. Redbirds, while the Panthers got away with ten.

A dansa'
A data
Perchansa
Out lata
A classa
A quizza
No passa
Gee whizza!

Panthers Travel To Mercedes Friday Night To Meet Tigers

Weslaco Holds Unbroken Win Over Queen City Boys Since 1940; However, Close Game Is Expected This Year

Friday night at 8 o'clock the Weslaco Panthers invade Mercedes for their first out-of-town game and the first real opponent this season in District 40A.

This game is expected to be a close one with the teams fairly evenly matched. Looking over past games this year it will be remembered that Mercedes beat Rio Grande City 64 to 0, while Weslaco beat them 65 to 0. Harlingen beat the Tigers 25 to 0 and Weslaco 39 to 7. These facts alone should indicate that the game Friday night will be a good one.

Mercedes runs off of the single-wing formation and will be spearheaded by Wade, Drawe and Steer. Wade is known all over the Valley for his excellent punting.

After a hard week of work the Panthers should be ready to attempt another step toward the 40A crown. McLeaish, Bennett, and Jackson will probably lead the Panthers' attack.

The Weslaco squad will probably be strengthened this week, as Bob Guess and Ray Cleckler may be back on the team.

Mercedes has not beaten Weslaco since 1940, and the Panthers usually roll up a big score on the Tigers. However, the Mercedes boys may prove tricky, as they have a new coach and have fared pretty well so far this season.

Well, the Panthers lost their first game last Friday night when the Harlingen Cardinals rolled over them 39-7.

In a way, this was probably a good thing. It woke the Panthers up to the fact that there is much hard work ahead of them.

The football boys enjoyed a week end in San Antonio last week when they saw Texas Tech beat Texas A. and M. at Alamo Stadium.

The Kittens are to play their first game of the year tomorrow night when they tangle with the Mercedes Cubs at Mercedes. The Kittens do not have any big men because of a new ruling about age and grade.

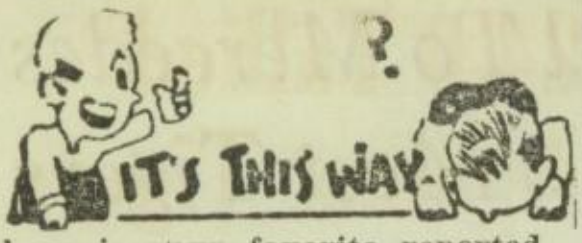
Weslaco really goes in for football. Even the little boys in grammar school are trying to match some game with grammar school boys of other towns.

If you see a number of football boys running around taped up, it is not from practice. They probably got bruised coming out of the Alamo Stadium Friday night. So many people were trying to get out one exit that if you had you hands at your side, you couldn't have moved them!

Life In Hospital Has Its Reward

"Will you have lunch now, Mr. Jenkines? And you, Mr. Cleckler? Perhaps I should get someone to lift you to a sitting position? What! It would be too strenuous? Well, don't exert yourself; I'll feed it to you as you are. Don't lift that heavy napkin; it might tire you; let me do it. Careful now; let me have your fork. I'll cut that steak for you."

No, this isn't as bad as it sounds, Donald and Ray didn't really have to be waited on so carefully, but it is rumored that they weren't making a drudgery out of their confinement and that their meals bore the notation "To 7, Mr. Cleckler (Regular) and to 7 Mr. Jenkines (Regular)."



here is your favorite reported .

Greetings, gates! Have an aspirin? Better take it, then, 'cause here is your favorite reporter with all of the latest gab.

Wasn't that an impressive ceremony that introduced Marjorie Rogers as the Panthers' Sweetheart for 1946-'47? Congratulations, Marjorie!! Everyone knows the Panthers are proud to have you as their sweetheart.

Let's all "dig down deep" to get 20 cents for the assembly this morning if you haven't already bought your ticket. (Incidentally, you'll be helping the Journalism Class raise money and getting out of first period at the same time.)

Have you noticed all of the signs in the halls and rooms of W. H. S. before a football game? This should show the boys that we are still behind them with that old school spirit, even though we can't win every game.

Don't you kids wish you knew the author of our so-called "dirt" column However, he, she or it prefers to keep the identity a secret, and personally I don't blame him, her, or it!

The tragedy of last week occurred when Robert Pickard memorized 25 lines of Chaucer's "Prologue" in the modern version when he was assigned 18 lines in the Middle English version.. Studious Bob was only trying to make five extra points on his six weeks' English IV grade. Maybe you'll pay more attention in class now, Robert.

Wanta Make "A" In Science? Find Prof. Lovett A Stool

WANTED! One stool about three and a half feet tall.

WHERE? The science department.

WHEN? As soon as possible.

WHAT FOR? That a member of the faculty might see his students and they see him.

If you haven't already guessed, Mr. Lovett, W.H.S. science teacher, is in desperate need of a stool so that he can see his students without a periscope. Although he admits that a periscope would come in handy on a test, it is still very inconvenient; and if a person could get him a stool, he would be eternally grateful.

Mr. Lovett has become so desperate, since his stool disappeared during the summer, that he probably would accept one, even though it were acquired through unscrupulous means. (Better keep your eye on that beat-up one in your office, Miss Black, or some reward-seeking youngster might "lift it" while your eyes are turned.)

So if you happen to know where to find a stool, go to the science room and tell Prof., thereby making yourself an everlasting friend.

Assembly Skits Introduce Rogers, Farina

Marjorie Rogers and Jody Farina, candidates for Panther Sweetheart, were presented to the student body by the Junior and Senior classes respectively in an assembly held last Thursday morning.

In the Junior presentation, Carline Lobitz, dresed as a mature housewife, told her children a story. In it she recalled that in her junior year in high school Marjorie had been elected Panther Sweetheart. Carline pictured the Junior candidate by describing her appearance and her qualifications in words set to the song "Margie." Then Marjorie came on the stage and Hal Potts presented her.

In the Seniors' introduction, Jody was surrounded by football boys with a large red heart for a background. After brief talks by football boys, representatives of lower classes, and members of the Senior Class, a quartet composed of Dillie Nicklas, Viola Villarreal, Rubin Minton, and Jimmy McAlpin sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

The assembly was dismissed with the singing of the school song led by the two candidates.

Sociology Teacher (to student): "Wake up the boy next to you."

Sociology Stude: "Wake him up yourself. You put him to sleep."

Squarehead Sticks Out Chin, Picks Tigers

Greetings, faithful readers. This week I'm plagued with the aftermaths of a journey to the far north (San Antonio), so I'll dispense with the humor and stick to straight football. (Was that the faint flicker of cheers I detected?)

Here are this week's results:

Edinburg 27—Pharr 0—It looks as though Pharr will be rather weak this season.

Harlingen 39—Weslaco 6—This looks good for the Cardinals; however, remember the competition was only mediocre

Donna 0 — McAllen 0 — Both teams looked pretty good, but the Bulldogs have to meet much better teams

Mercedes 64—Rio Grande City 0—This could be good or only fair, depending on whether the Tigers used their first or second teams most of the time

La Feria 14—Lyford 6—That's pretty good for the Lions

Mission 33—Raymondville 0— If you take into consideration that the game was played on the Raymondville field, (?) that's wonderful.

Not counting the tie as either correct or wrong, I predicted four right and one wrong; therefore my average remains at the 79 per cent mark.

In looking at this week's games we find the following:

Harlingen over Kingsville — This could prove one of the best games of the season.

Brownsville over San Benito— With Brownsville riddled with injuries, it could be close.

Edinburg over Robstown—The Bobcats should have an easy night.

Mercedes over Weslaco — Yes, that is what the records point to. It doesn't help your average to be sentimental.

Donna over Mission — This is really a toss-up, but this party believes the Redskins will win.

Pharr over La Feria—By a substantial margin.

Raymondville over Rio Grande City—The lesser of two evils.

There you are, folks. I'll be around again next week.

LA PALMA Drive To Begin Next Monday

The subscription campaign for the annual, LA PALMA, begins October 14, according to Homer Ryan, business manager.

The price cannot be definitely set yet because the publications of the Journalism Class this year are costing $300 more than last year. The class hopes to raise this by profits from the concession stand, special assemblies and other sources. If it succeeds, the annual will sell for $2.50, the price charged last year. In no case will it cost more than $3.

Three hundred copies of the annual with the HI-LIFE have been ordered. Students may reserve an annual by making a down payment of $1.00.

Salesmen in addition to Homer Ryan and Kenneth Sherry, business managers, will be Ann Waller, Patsy Keen, Emma Jean Barber, and Doreen Yoder.

It is hoped that the 300 subscriptions may be obtained by November 1, stated Ryan.

Cub Scribe Learns What's Going On

The Homemaking III Class is discussing questions on how girl should act when they date boys. They are also studying the problems of the newly married couple. Sounds interesting, boys

The Band is diligently continuing practice for the remainder of the football season. They are memorizing more new marches and working daily on the drills they give each Friday night.

The bulletin board in the history room is devoted entirely to different subjects of current events.

The Journalism Class is also carrying out the theme of current events on their bulletin board. A student is in charge of the board for a week. He brings news stories, cartoons, pictures, and features, which make a very attractive bulletin board.

Hi-Life Staff For Semester Completed

Column Try-Outs Cause of Delay In Election

The remainder of the HI-LIFE staff for the first semester was elected last week in Journalism class.

Because several members were competing for the two columns, "Its This Way" and "From the Sideline," elections were delayed in order to give everyone interested a chance. The class elected Peggy Hull to write "It's This Way" and Norman Watson to write "From the Sidelines." Other members of the staff are as follows:

Make-up, Kenneth Jones, Jean Barber; assembly, Ventura Castaneda; humor, Julius Knebel; features, Julius Knebel, Doreen Yoder, Emma Jean Barber, and Jimmy McAlpin; sports, Ed McLeaish, Homer Ryan, Kenneth Sherry, Jerry Waggoner; "Squarehead," Ballard Bennett; photographer, Doreen Yoder; circulation managers, Doris Potts, Pat Keen; organizations, Kitty Sue Allen; typists, Peggy Hull, Pat Keen, Ventura Castaneda; "Thru the Keyhole," ? ? ?

Bondy Harmon and Ann Waller, editors, were elected at the beginning of the year. Miss Louise Black is sponsor.

Sportsmanship Of Team, Coaches, Fans To Be Judged

A Sportsmanship Trophy will be awarded to a 16AA team and one to a 40A team this season, according to J. C. Allen, president of the Rio Grande Valley Football Officials Association.

An "Evaluation Card" will be used this year by the officials in grading teams in the 40A and 16AA districts. In selecting the winner, the sportsmanship of the coaches and fans as well as that of the teams will be considered.

24-0 Tallied Against Tigers By Panthers

Excellent Punting Of Mercedes' Wade Steals how

In their first hard conference game of the year, the Weslaco Panthers rolled over the Mercedes Tigers 24-0 last Friday night on the Tiger field.

The game started with the Panthers reaching scoring position two or three times; however, they fumbled the ball before they could get it over the marker.

In the first part of the second quarter the Panthers drove down the field and scored from the 15-yard line, with Freasier carrying the ball. The try for point failed. The rest of the second quarter and all of the third were nip and tuck, with each team holding their own.

The Panthers got under way again early in the fourth quarter when McLeaish drove home from the 15-yard line. The next score was by Freasier from the ten. The try for both points failed. The last score of the game was caused by a freak fumble on the kick-off. As Osborne tackled the ball carrier, the ball squirted out of his hands into Jackson's, and Jackson trotted across the goal for the "teedee." The try for point failed.

Welaco made fourteen first downs to Mercedes' one. Weslaco punted twice for an average of 30 yards, while the Tigers punted ten times for an average of 44 yards. Wade, of Mercedes, who is known as one of the best punters in the Valley, received credit for the longest, which was 62 yards. Weslaco tried two passes, completed one, and intercepted one; while Mercedes tried five, completed one, and intercepted one.

Girl to friend: "I don't care if he is a pilot. I don't like to be referred to as the target for tonight."

Chief Squarehead's Confusion Rises As Average Drops

This week we find the box-headed one with the hooked nose in a very despondent mood. It seems he spent the weekend hiding from his readers in a stack of Coach Hester' test papers. (He knew no one would bother them for a couple of months.) Let us hear the Redskin's tale:

Ug! What a week. For the first time since I was discarded by the 'diabolical dopes of downtown Donna' I predicted more wrong than right. Here they are:

"Mision 33—Donna 7—My biggest mistake.

"Weslaco 24—Mercedes 0—Let's just not discuss it.

"Raymondville 40—Rio Grande City 0—The Rattler of Rio Grande City are chalking up an amazing record.

"La Feria 14—Pharr 6 — This will probably be classed as the upset of the year.

"Brownsville 13—San Benito 0 —This is the same as last year's score; however, both teams appear to be weaker.

Kingsville 6—Harlingen 0—The Cardinals outplayed the giants from the King ranch country, but the mud bogged their T-formation down.

"Edinburg 6 — Robstown 0— The Bobcats don't appear to have much on the ball.

"From this vast wealth of upsets I managed to salvage only three games correct. This brings my average down to 68 per cent. Not to be discouraged, however, I have ventured a few opinions on the results of next week's contests. They go as follows:

"Mission over Mercedes — This might possibly be a tight squeeze for the Eagle.

"Weslaco over Pharr—It could be close, depending on whether the Panthers play as they did against Harlingen or Mercedes.

"La Feria over Raymondville— A very close game.

"Brownsville over Kingsville— Watch out for the Brahmas. They'll be out to avenge last year's defeat, and they might do it.

"Laredo over McAllen—By the slight margin of about sixty points.

"Edinburg over T.M.I.—If all goes as it should.

"In the over-all picture it looks as if Mission is the outstanding contender for the 40A crown, with Weslaco a close second. The 16AA race is also close, and could quite possibly be decided in the Kingsville-Brownsville game."

Well, good bye. I will be back again next week—that is, if I still have an average.

Panthers Tussle PSJA Bruins In Conference Thriller Friday

Tilt Figured Close; Powerful Line Play Expected to Predominate

Playing their second out-of-town tilt in as many weeks, the Weslaco Panthers oppose the P. S. J. A. Bears in a conference contest Friday night. As both squads are given a better than average chance of copping the District 40A crown, an overflowing crowd is expected to throng into Pharr to witness the contest.

Labeled as one of the Valley's toughest squads by the pre-season dopester, the Tri-City Bruins have proved to be slightly disappointing. After breezing by the Lyford Bulldogs 33-0, the Pharr bunch dropped a hard-fought 27-0 game to the savage Edinburg Bobcats. Then it happened—the highly-touted Bruins dropped a close 14-6 decision to the lowly La Feria Lions in one of the section's greatest grid upsets in recent years.

Likewise the potent Panthers have not quite lived up to pre-campaign barometer readings. Opening the '46 grid wars with three All-Valley performers and a host of lettermen holdovers, the Panthers were boasted by their supporters as having a chance of sailing through their schedule without a mar, but this was not to be. Plagued by three serious injuries and a number of costly fumbles, the Weslaco aggregation finished second by a 39-7 margin to the Class AA Harlingen Cardinals. The Panthers, however, have yet to be outscored in three conference contests thus far this year.

No great individual star has emerged from either squad. When the chips are down, however, the driving line-thrusts of Jack "Ducky" Freasier have been extremely valuable to the purple Panthers. Montalvo and Hall carry the brunt of the Bruin attack.

If the P. S. J. A. Bears should emerge victorious from Friday's contest, it will be their first victory over a Weslaco eleven since 1938, when the Tri-City outfit last clinched a district title

The probable starting line-up, as announced by Coach Grady Hester, is as follows:

Bennett	LE
McLeaish	LT
Sawyer	LG
Ryan	C
Potts	RG
Clevinger	RT
Guess	RE
Martin	QB
Osborne	LH
Freasier	RH
Cleckler	FB

Prizes Offered For Fire Prevention Slogans

Want to find an easy way to make money? It's very simple—just enter the contest for the best fire prevention slogans.

The Fire Insurance Division of the State Board of Insurance Commissioners is holding a contest among student in the junior and senior high schools of Texas for the best fire prevention slogans. Slogans may be on any phase of fire safety, must be original, and must contain not more than fifteen words.

All of the slogans submitted must reach the office of Fire Insurance Division, State Office Building, on or before November 1, 1946. No student may submit more than one slogan and must include in an envelope marked "Slogan Contest' the name of the city, school, student, grade, principal, and superintendent.

The prizes for the contest are donated by the Texas Safety Association and are as follows: first prize, $15; second prize, $10; third prize, $5; and the next best ten slogans, $2 each.

THRU THE KEYHOLE

Suffering with a severe headache caused by eye strain from peeping through too many keyholes, here is the latest endeavor of your "dear" reporter. Maybe after you have read the column, you, too, will be sick!

The date of the week goes to BALLARD and CARLENE SCOTT! Yes, "SQUAREHEAD," we always knew there was some romance connected with you! Incidentally, they doubled with HAL and PAT KEEN both Friday and Saturday nights.

ANN WALLER and JAMES NELSON, BETTY JEAN VOELKEL and BILL PUCKETT were together Friday night. How many actually were in the front of that pick-up?

It seems that SUE THOMPSON and RICHARD BARBS don't like the lightning. I wonder why?

My, my, these ex-G. I.'s certainly do get around; Friday night RUBIN and GLENNA HOLMAN, TED and DILLIE, (I could throw a stab right now) ROBERT and RITA had a wonderful evening together.

At the dance in Mercedes, your snooping reporter saw CARLINE LOBITZ and HAROLD ROBERTS (Mercedes), EVA MAE and CHARLES POLLAKOWSKY, and MARJORIE and "RED."

Considering the number of girls that sat at home Saturday night, it seems a shame that BILLY JOE DAY, BOB GUESS, MAURICE CLEVENGER and ED McLEASH were seen stag at the Mo-Pac.

BETTY LEE and DONALD were together Saturday night, too. Did you go to the Drive-In?

We're sorry you couldn't go with WAYNE SWAILS Friday night, DILLIE. Of course, we understand that you had to be in the Pep Squad.

EMMA JEAN BARBER and MARGARET KOBECK seemed to have had a nice time in Corpus Christi over the weekend. Naturally, cute bellboys wouldn't add any attraction!

MARGE was with "RED" again Saturday night. Nice going, kids!

FREDDIE CARR and ANNA LOU RICHARDS and MERCER and KITTY SUE were together over the weekend. By the way, these two couples are now steadies.

Say, DUANE and DICKIE, whom were you two with in the show?

HELEN McDANIEL was with WAYNE SWAILS at the game Friday night.

Sorry I have to leave so soon, but I have to rush down to the drug store for some aspirin!

Editorials

Are You Underrated?

"What did you get in Math?" (or English, history, science, etc.)

"Aw, he gave me a 'D'."

"He gave me a 'C'. That teacher never did like me. He always picks on me when I go to class."

The end of the first six-weeks will see some boys and girls trudging home with "D's" and "F's" on their report cards. The story of our grades is very familiar to our parents.

There is a story behind that "D" or "F" you get. Your teacher can tell you. The grade book gives a little bit of a story, but you, yourself, know it better than anyone. It started the first day of school.

We are always griping about our grades; however, the ones who gripe the most, are usually the ones who do the least studying.

If you have lagged through the first six weeks, it is not too late to begin studying seriously.

When you get your report card, ask yourself why you got that "D" or "F". If you think you are underrated, ask yourself why. (Don't blame the teacher at first thought.) The grade you get will be the result of the effort you put out to get that grade.

Just Keep On Coming!

The Journalism Class wishes to take this time to express its appreciation for the way you students supported our first special assembly program, "Men Underseas." If this support continues, we shall be able to keep the price of our annual the same as it was last year, because the profits from the four programs we're presenting are to be used to help pay for this year's annual.

From the remarks heard around the campus, the program was enjoyed by all. The hundred students who missed the first one still have a chance to see the other three to be presented later in the year. Since the first program was such a success, we hope everyone will want to attend the rest of these entertainments.

Feel Verse Coming On? Write It!

Have you ever had a brain storm? When coming home from a party, have you ever said, "I feel so wonderful I could write poetry"?

Well, if it ever happens again, write it down and submit your work to the Annual Anthology of High School Poetry. For further information on this subject, see your English teacher.

Large Group Enjoys Special Assembly

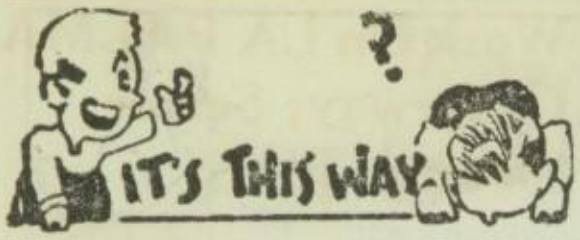
Students who attended the program presented by Harold B. Davidson, deep sea diver, last Wednesday morning lived vicarious experiences through Mr. Davidson's account of thrilling and sometimes dangerous incidents which he has witnessed as a diver.

In addition to discussing his experiences, Mr. Davidson was assisted by Bondy Harmon and Julius Knebel in putting a complete diving suit on Kenneth Jones in order that he might explain how the diving suit works.

This was the first of four special assemblies being sponsored by the Journalim Class this year. The next assembly, featuring the Kilties, musicians dressed as Highland Scots, will be presented November 1.

Prof. Lovett: What happens when a body is immersed in water?

Student: The telephone rings.



Hello, pals. Here I am again! Looks as if you'll have to put up with me until mid-term. Don't groan; you're hurting my feelings.

W. H. S. was the scene of two initiations this past week. Those poor boys who joined F F. A. and Roliki wonder now (after it's too late) if being in the clubs is really worth going through those horrible initiations.

Wasn't that a swell game last Friday night? We knew you Panthers could do it; let's just keep up the good work.

It looks as if the Journalism Class is at it again. Yes, they have sold HI-LIFE subcriptions, worked in the concession stand at the Rio Grande City game, sold tickets to the assembly last Wednesday morning, and now they're starting to sell subscriptions to the annual. These hard-working kids don't get any of this money; it's all for the benefit of you studes.

Orchids to the Band for such a swell performance last Friday night! Yours Truly wonders how those kids knew just where they were supposed to go.

New and Returned Studes Find Welcome In Classes, Activities of W. H. S.

Edwina Stanley, a brown-eyed brunette freshman, came to Weslaco from San Antonio. Edwina is 5 feet 4½ inches tall. Her favorite pastime is twirling, favorite movie star is Esther Williams, and her favorite food is fried chicken. she is one of the twirlers in the Band.

When asked for comment, she said she likes Weslaco hope Edwina learns to like Weslaco and the Valley as much as we do.

Since the boys swooned over Edwina, the girls may swoon over that hunk of man, Rubin Minton, one of the ex-service men who have returned to their old Alma Mater to finish this year.

Rubin is six feet two inches high and has dark brown hair and eyes. He has that fine masculine look that the girls go for. (Those long sideburns help too.)

Rubin's favorite pastime is loafing and buzzing in his car. Of course, his number one movie actress is Lana Turner.

When he was asked by your reporter if he liked Weslaco, he replied definitely that he like it very much.

Yep, that time is here! It's time for all of those notebooks and book reports we have been putting off till the last minute to get. Yes, we are having to work hard now, but the teachers will have to burn midnight oil next week. Some consolation, eh?

Did you kids smell something slightly resembling mothballs last week when the first little norther ble win? It couldn't be that W.H.S. studes are anxious for ole man winter to come around!

A teacher in a city school asked her class to write an essay on the frog. One of her pupils handed in the following:

"What a wonderful bird the frog are! When he stand, he sit, almost. He ain't got no sense, hardly; he ain't got no tail hardly. When he sit, he sit on what he ain't got, almost.

Evil Spirit Of Wolfrahunda Terrorizes W.H.S.

The very name sends cold chills running up and down your spine and makes your flesh crawl with a feeling of the supernatural. It is only natural that the dread spirit of Wolfrahundra should infect the campus of W. H. S. in October, which is the weird season of the year when witches mix strange brews and ride brooms on moonlight nights, when goblins run wind and the dead walk.

Wolfahundra (pronounced "Wol,' as in "Wolfman;" "fra" as in "Frankenstein;" "hun" as in "Hunchback;" and "dra' as in 'Dracula') has struck, fellow students; and this article is written as a warning of the evils to come. Before I go any further, however, I warn you not to laugh, as you might be the next victim.

It was on the night of October 2 in our sleepy little town of Weslaco on the Rio, that the spirit of Wolfrahundra came floating down from the realm of the unknown on a full moon to strike his first victims. Nothing was happening that night except a Roliki Initiation, which is considered one of the mildest and most genteel procedures in the school.

The old members were making the initiates play hop-scotch, when the spirit of Wolfrahundra struck, passing like a dark cloud over the old members, which all of a sudden made them leap up with belts in hands and flog the innocent little brats. Blood curdling screams could be heard echoing throughout the sleepy little town, and mothers held their children close in dreadful despair.

After this, the old members, still under the evil spell, dumped the boys out in the country. With the coming of dawn, just as the unfortunate seven were wending their way back home, the spirit of Wolfrahundra faded into the disappearing moon as silently as it had come, leaving the old members full of remorse (chuckle, chuckle) for the deed they had done.

Even though Wolfrahundra has disappeared, he will be back, maybe in a month, a week, or even tomorrow. Who knows? But beware! You may be next!!!

F. H. T. Sweetheart To Be Announced At Dance Oct. 18

Jimmy McAlpin, senior; Kenneth Sherry, junior; Donald Stout, sophomore; and Billy Mauldin, freshman, were elected candidates for Future Homemakers' Sweetheart at a meeting Monday night of last week at the home of Pat Keen, and plans for a dance honoring the sweetheart were made.

Voting will be held today at noon on the campus. The seventh through the twelfth grades may vote at 1c vote. The winner will be kept secret until the dance, which will be on Friday evening, October 18, at the Stephen F. Austin auditorium.

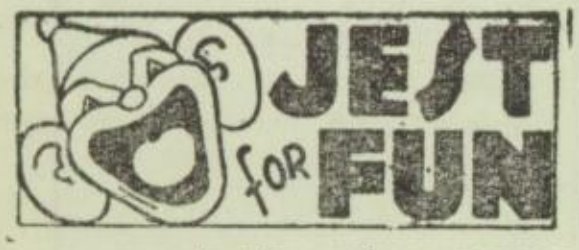
Doreen Yoder is general campaign manager. Other managers are Elia Perez, senior; Pat Keen, junior; Mary Ann Clifford, sophomore; and Nancy Solether, freshman.

LA PALMA Sales Get Off To Good Start

When the HI-LIFE went to press Monday at noon subscriptions for the annual totaled 74, according to Homer Ryan, business manager. The campaign began Monday morning.

Annuals may be secured from Ann Waller, Doreen Yoder, Patsy Keen, Emma Jean Barber, Kenneth Sherry, Homer Ryan, and Miss Black.

The sales group hopes to have the 300 annuals sold by November 1, stated Ryan.



Some people like wine, women and song.
I don't.
Some people like to watch the moon with a pretty girl.
I don't.
Some people like to go out and kiss.
I don't.
I bet you think I don't have any fun.
Well, I don't!!!

Application For Gym Permit Rejected

Project Termed "Deferrable" By CPA Office

Bad news arrived for Weslaco High School students in the form of a rejection notice to Weslaco schools that the Civilian Administration would not grant a permif at this time for construction of a gymnasium. However, the office in San Antonio made mention of the fact that the rejection would be effective for just as short a period as possible, thereby giving hopes that high school students still might see a gym on their campus by September 1917.

To quote from the letter: "The shortage of materials and facilities required for construction makes it imperative that all deferrable and less essential construction be postponed in order that the Veterans' Emergency Housing Program may go forward to completion"... "You may be assured that this period of deferment will be as short as possible consistent with the critical materials situation."

Thi news, although unwelcome to high school students who had the most to do with raising money with which to build a gym, will be understood by these same students, who know that houses must come first. For many years the Weslaco School could not finance the gym; the bitter dose is that now the school has the money and cannot use it.

School officials, immediately after receipt of the rejection letter, made a visit to the Civilian Production Administration office in San Antonio to get a better understanding of the exact reasons for the rejection, before giving up hope that the addition could be had to the school. Naturally the government officials could give no indication when the permit would be allowed, although Mr. Wilson says that the application will probably be submitted again within a month or so, if for no other reason than to advise the San Antonio office that Weslaco wants the permit as soon as is possible to issue it.

According to Civilian Production officials, only projects which fall in the following categories may be considered:

1. Those vitally necessary to Public Health and Safety.
2. Those that will increase production of critical products.
3. Those essential to increased food production and preservation.
4. Those which will provide minimum community facilities absolutely necessary for new residential areas developed as part of the Veterans' Housing Projects.
5. Those providing urgently needed veteran educational facilities.
6. Essential and nondeferrable maintenance and repairs.
7. Those which will have no import whatsoever on the housing program.

Work On LA PALMA Underway; Senior Pictures Taken

Work on the 1947 LA PALMA got underway in earnest this week with the taking of individual pictures of seniors and juniors. Pictures of senior girls were taken Monday; senior boys Tueday. Today and tomorrow junior pictures will be made.

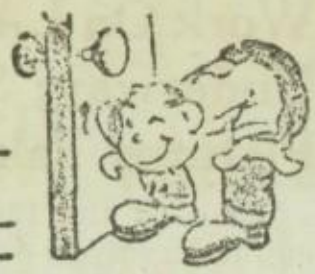
Art manuals, editors' and business managers' instruction books, and supplies have been received from Steck Company, publishers of LA PALMA, and the various staff members are at work planning the sections of the book for which they are responsible, stated Ballard Bennett, editor.

A number of snapshots, beginning with the first day of school, have been taken; pictures of the Panther Sweetheart coronation are on file; and group pictures of underclassmen and organizations will be taken soon.

Though the first shipment of copy will not be sent until January 10, it is the purpose of the staff to get as many pictures taken as possible while the weather is good, Ballard said.

A visit from J. M. Alexander, Steck yearbook representative for the Valley, is expected soon; and at that time covers for the 1947 LA PALMA will be chosen.

THRU THE KEYHOLE



Brother! My old peepers are really killing me after what all I saw last week THRU THE KEYHOLE! But diff!

My, my, these Future Homemakers can really pick 'em, can't they? The girls are all set with their dates for the dance honoring the Sweetheart. Well, almost all!

BONDY "LOVER" HARMON, are you ever going to ask PATSY McBRIDE for a date, or do you just write those notes in Bookkeeping for the fun of it?

A main attraction over the weekend was a buffet supper at LORETTA'S Saturday night for the Double S. Those enjoying the food and music were JEN and BILLY JOE, LORETTA and ROBERT PICKARD, MARGIE and HOMER, ANN and JAMES HOWARD, and BETTY JEAN and FRANCES (who were stag.) Some fun, no?

RED, can't you make up your mind as to whether you prefer the junior or senior girl? I know someone who would like to help you!

It seems that writing letters just comes naturally with some people! Ask BILLIE CROSBY about ALBERT from Dallas!

BETTY JUNE, did you like your blind date Thursday night? I understand you were with him (JACK MALOY) again Friday night, only this time it wasn't blind! N.C.

One of our ex-servicemen, J. O. FRIZZEL, seemed to be having a good time at the game with HELEN ARCHER.

LARRY, what were you telling two innocent junior girls Friday night on the Band bus? RICHARD BABB seemed to think it was funny!

If you noticed stars in ELSIE JEAN McALPIN'S eyes last week, it was because her Marine, BOB ACRE, was home. Too bad he had to leave so soon, wasn't it?

Girls, for information on how to catch a man, see CLARA FAE GARNETT! She was practicing Saturday night on BOBBY HARBISON. Did you ever get him to go to church with you?

Say, NORMAN, what's this interest for a new sophomore girl? A certain party has done her best to help you, but it's up to you now. I wouldn't call any names. but the Soph's initials are V.R.

So long for now, but there will be more dirt next week!! I'll be seein' ya!

Editorials

History Is Being Made

Did you know that history is being made in Weslaco High? You may not know it, but you are making it every day.

Every time there is an initiation, a dance, a pep rally, election of the Panther Sweetheart and the favorites for LA PALMA, a band contest, and whenever the Panthers play a game, a new chapter is being added to the history of W.H.S.

Many traditions help to form this history. Without the continuance and support of these traditions, our school would not be the same.

We, the students of W.H.S., are proud of our history and hold it in high esteem. We are making it every day, and it is up to us to make this year's chapter one of the finest.

Please Be Nice To Our Sally!

Say, have you boys noticed the new girls around the W. H. S. campus? A useless question, you may reply, knowing Weslaco boys! However, these girls are wooden! But they're nice little girls, anyway.

Sponsoring the Safety Sallys is the Weslaco 20-30 Club, which distributed them around all three school zones.

"Safety Sally" jars have been placed in Weslaco business firms for contributions to help pay for this 20-30 Club school safety project.

Would you be willing to give up part of your tme before school, during the noon period, or after school and not be paid for it? No, not very many people would; however, the Junior Police have consented to do this. They play a very important part in this safety program

The junior and senior high boys who help by being in charge of the Safety Sallys around W.H.S. are the same as real traffic officers and should be treated as such. The volunteers are Ed Compere, Tommy Pepper, Elden Wren, Earl Lee Pike, and David Robertson.

Let's show our appreciation for the fine job they're doing by cooperating with them 100%!

G.R.'s To Attend Fall Conference

Eight Girl Reserve members are going to the Fall Conference at Rio Hondo Camp Saturday morning. The camp will be over Sunday afternoon. The main theme of the camp will be Finance and Service.

Mrs. Robertson: For what are the Phoenicians famous?

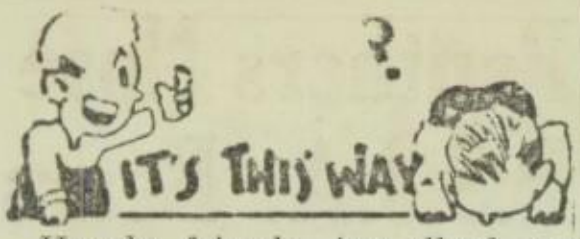
Van Sidener: Blinds!

Cannon Lifesaver To Faculty Ladies

"Two, four, six, eight.
Whom do we appreciate?
Cannon! Cannon! Cannon!"

This was the sentiment of the ladies of the junior-senior high school faculty last Thursday afternoon as they served themselves with dainty sandwiches and tall glasses of cold coca cola and then relaxed gratefully on the comfortable living porch of the Cannons.

The weather was hot, and the day had been tiring, a six weeks' exams were in progress. Hence when Mrs. Pat Cannon called the school (the number is 52) and invited the group over at 4 o'clock for a coke, the response was enthusiastic.



Howdy, friends. Are all of you good people ready for our regular Wednesday morning chat? Well, you see, IT'S THIS WAY—

Have you subscribed to LA PALMA yet? The annual staff has ordered only 300 copies with the HI-LIFE in them; so if you want the school paper in your annual, you had better hurry and bring your down payment of $1.

James (Cornbread) Cleckler, ex-Panther and graduate of Weslaco High, was in our pep rally last Friday afternoon. He even went so far as to make a speech. Also Lynette Stahl, ex-stude and drum major, pulled in from Baylor in time for the last half of the game Friday night.

"Gee, but I'm cold!" "Oh, I love the good ole summer time." "Go away; you smell like moth balls!" Those are just some of the expressions picked up last Friday around the W.H.S. campus. Guess we'll have to get out all of our winter clothes, huh, kids?

"Who is that solid sender?
Van? No, guess again,
Frankie? No, guess some more,
Stout is the guy I'm for!"
"I'm for Billy Mauldin."

These were only a few of the posters seen around W.H.S. before th eclection of Future Homemakers sweetheart yesterday. Although the eleciton is over, we will not know the winner until Friday night at the dance. Do you suppose your candidate won? (Incidentally, Miss Black took a poster that had two misspelled words on it off her door. When are you sophomores going to learn how to spell?)

"Gee, Pop, I tried. That test was just TOO hard. This really is a good report card; you should see some of the other kids' cards."

If you are one of those who think you might be needing those excuses when you take your report card home tomorrow, you had better start preparing your parents for the shock tonight. Come on, kids; let's get in the groove, and then we won't have to make up any excuses.

Panthers To Meet La Feria Lions Here Thursday Night Game Expected Fairly Close

Invading Team Has Defeated Pharr, Raymondville; Weslaco Holds Record Of Four Conference Wins

Tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8 o'clock the La Feria Lions are scheduled to invade Barbee Field to try to upset the Weslaco Panthers in their march toward the District 40-A crown.

The Lions are improving as a ball club, as they upset the last two teams they have played. They defeated the Pharr Bears week before last 14-7. On paper this makes La Feria one touch-down better than Weslaco, as the latter scored only one touch-down against Pharr. Last week the Lions upset the Raymondville Bearcats with a score of 12-0.

It has been years since Weslaco has lost to La Feria, and the Panthers have usually racked up a good-sized score.

The Panthers will be stronger this week than last, as McLeaish will probably be ready for action. He had an injured hip last week.

The game is not expected to be too hard, as the last two games La Feria has won have been upsets and have been won only by a slim margin. This will be the fifth conference game for the Panthers. The probable Panther line-up will be as follows:

L.E.	Bennett
L.T.	McAlpin
L.G.	Sawyer
C.	Ryan
R.G.	Potts
R.T.	Clevinger
R.E.	Guess
Q.B.	Martin
R.H.	Freasier
L.H.	Jackson
F.B.	Cleckler

Miss Black: Well, Robert, why are you late?

Robert Pickard: I overslept this morning.

Miss Black. Oh, so you sleep at home, too!

Lost: One case of puppy love.
Hal Potts.

One player who definitely showed his training during last Friday night's game was Billy "Head" Day. Pharr was maknig considerable gains over center, when Coach sent in Day. The first play Day got tackled, the second play he

Coach Hester has his eyes on some boys of the Kitten squad as propects for the Panther squad. Donald Miller was outstanding last Thursday night for his punting and defensive end work, along with Lackey. Bembow was outstanding for his line plunging. Keathley, the Kitten's quarterback and passing star, also showed his fine points.

The B-squad last Thursday scrimmaged the Stuart Place squad. Stuart Place was out classed in all departments. Outstanding for the B-squad were Rose, Day, Tidwell, and George Thompson. Coach Hester decided some of the B-squad members were slightly out of condition.

If you are passing the doghouse and see smoke billowing out the window, don't report it as a fire. It's only the managers and their weeds.

The outstanding playing of Guess, Cleckler, Freasier, McAlpin, and Ray (126 pounds of lightning) Jackson kept Weslaco in the conference race. Ray scored Weslaco's only touchdown when he turned a Pharr pass into a 85-yard sprint for pay dirt.

Sister, Brother Make Friends Quickly On Campus Of Weslaco High

Say fellows, here's a cute little number, Carlene Scott by name. She stands five feet, five inches tall and has blue-green eyes and long blond hair. This attractive junior hails from Baytown and has been attending Robert E. Lee High School at Goose Creek.

Carlene's favorite movie star is Walter Pidgeon, her favorite food is Mexican dishes, and her favorite diversion is reading. When asked by your reporter if she liked Weslaco, she said she did very much.

Now, girls, it's your time to swoon. Duane Scott is his name; and since he is Carlene's brother, he also hails from Baytown, where he was a member of the Choral Club. Duane is five feet, two inches tall and has blue eyes. He is a freshman, and his birthday is September 26. Duane has a favorite movie star, which is Margaret O'Brien, and his favorite food is fried chicken. He, also, likes our Valley and W. H. S.

Squarehead Hits 100%, Bringing Season's Average To 75

Ah, yes, how are my contented readers this week? This week your chaotic chief guessed six cut of six. Here are the glad tidings:

Brownsville 38—Kingsville 6—At last the Eagles hit their stride. They should take 16AA.

Edinburg 13—T.M.I. 6—A really screwy game. The San Antonio boys should have won.

Laredo 32—McAllen 6 — This was not too bad, as the Tigers are one of the top teams in south Texas.

Weslaco 7—Pharr 2—Perchance the Panthers should quit reading this column. They always react in the opposite manner of my prediction.

Mission 33—Mercedes 0—Brrr!

La Feria 12—Raymondville 0—The Lions have improved a great deal.

After a long session of exact computation, I came up with the amazing average of 75 per cent. But that is only the beginning; look at next week's games:

Pharr over Mercedes—Just ask any of the local gridders.

Weslaco over La Feria—Probably the closest game of the week.

Raymondville over Rio Hondo—That's what the man said.

Harlingen over Edinburg—The Bobcats' luck is due to play out.

San Benito over Kingsville—If I get this one right, it will be a miracle.

Robstown over McAllen—Looks as if they'll all be close this week.

There you are. If Weslaco beats La Feria, I'll see you again next week.

W. H. S. Group To Be On KGBS Oct. 29

The Little Broadway and the Speech Class of Weslaco High will give a fifteen minute program in the Junior High auditorium, which will be transmitted over radio station KGBS by remote control Thursday, October 29, at 4:30 p.m.

Miss Ann Bauer, speech teacher and sponsor of Little Broadway, will direct the program, which will consist of two musical numbers and one reading or speech.

Miss Bauer stated that she was rather new at radio programs and would get some experience as well as the students.

Kittens Trample Lion Cubs 6-0

The Kittens of W.H.S. stamped the La Feria Lion Cubs 6-0 last Thursday night on Barbee Field.

Although the first half was scoreless except for McFarland's running a touchdown which was called back because of infraction of the rules, it gave plenty of excitement for the fans.

All through the third quarter, the Kittens had the ball in the Cubs' territory. In the middle of the fourth quarter Bembow ran to pay dirt from the five-yard line. The try for point failed.

Panthers Nose P.S.J.A. Bears By 7-2 Score

Few Passes Thrown; W.H.S. Ground Game Superior

After four grueling quarters of intensive grid warfare, the Weslaco Panthers finally emerged victorious from their heated battle with the P.S.J.A. Bruins in Pharr last Friday night by a 7-2 margin. This victory marked the Panthers' eighth consecutive conquest over the Tri-City Bears since 1938.

Midway in the opening period an eager Bear eleven tallied first. Following one of their drives that fizzled in the shadows of the Panthers' goalpost, the plucky Bruin line blocked a Weslaco punt, which netted them a safety.

Later in the same period a determined Weslaco aggregation grabbed the lead when Jackson traveled 85 yards to score. Seizing a Bruin toss on his own 15 yard line, Ray "Jackrabbit" Jackson fairly flew to paydirt. Ryan's conversion for the extra point was successful. That was it—although the purple Panthers threatened on four other occasions, neither team managed to pick up another "tee-dee."

For the following three quarters the Weslaco crew stuck strictly to a ground attack while completely bottling up the Tri-City offensive. Statistcally the Panthers were vastly superior. Chalking up twelve first downs to six and tallying five penetrations to two, the rugged Weslaco aggregation left little doubt as to which was the better team.

Among the newer stars for the Panthers that showed signs of gridiron greatness were Bob Guess, end, and Billy Joe Day, center. Both lads held the Bruins' backs well in check.

Coach Hester has a new punting prospect coming up, in Donald Miller, an end on the Kitten team.

Outstanding for the Kittens were Potts and Haas on the line and Bembow, Mauldin, and Keathley in the back field.

55 W.H.S. Students Make Honor Rolls First Six Weeks

Fifty-five students of Junior-Senior High are eligible for the honor rolls for the first six weeks, according to Principal A. C. Murphy. Of this number 25 are on the superior list and 30 on the honor group.

The eighth grade led the superior list with seven students, the seventh grade came second with six, and the seniors and sophomores had four each. On the honor roll the seventh grade had nine, the freshmen and eighth grade seven each.

The complete list is as follows:

SUPERIOR HONOR ROLL
(All A's)

Seniors: Juanita Cantu, Ventura Castaneda. Reece McAlpin, Patsy Martin.

Juniors: Margaret Kobeck, Hal Potts, Peggy Jo Hull.

Sophomores: Tommy Pepper, Betty Jean Robertson, Sergio Garza, Peggy Kirgan.

Freshmen: Charlie Cardenas.

8th: Genevieve Ballard, Caroline Carrothers, Mary Ann Dreyer, Robert Joe Potts, David Robertson. Marshal Wortham, Carlos Perales.

7th: Thelma Woods, Sarita Bailey, June Smith, Elva Ochoa, Delia Gutierrez, Teresa Lancaster.

HONOR ROLL
(3 A's, rest B's)

Seniors: Kenneth Jones, Jerry Waggoner.

Juniors: Larry Gray, Loretta Shields.

Sophomores: Mary Ann Clifford, Bill Pickard. Elden Wren.

Freshmen: Kaye Clark. Marcelino Casas, Augustine de los Santos, Robert Fields, Lola Valdez, Alex Westbrook, Mary Gene Wortham.

8th: Earl Lee Pike, Sue Thompson, Christine Carr, Aline Henrichson. Gene McMullen, Charles Sawyer, Patsy Potts.

7th: Saul Barbosa, Delia Hernandez, Yunette Clifford, Gail Henson, Lee Nicklas, Laura Jane Oehler, Jackie Faye Roberts, Donald Watkins, Ninfa Cardona.

Jody F.: "I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man on the earth."

Red M.: "Aw, why not?"

Jody: "There wouldn't be any minister."

"KILTIES" TO GIVE PROGRAM NOVEMBER 1 IN ASSEMBLY

The Caledonian quartet, known throughout the United States as "The Kilties," will present a program consisting of Scottish ballads, classics, popular numbers, ensembles, solo, and native impersonations in assembly Friday of next week, November 1. at 11 o'clock.

The quartet was organized and is directed by Chief W. L. Nimmo. They are dressed in authentic Highland costumes, and the tartans they wear are the Royal Stewart, Cameron, MacLeod, Gordon, and the famous Black Watch. This, the only traveling organization of its kind in America, has performed before audiences numbering as many as 10,000 persons throughout the United States and Canada. These extraordinary musicians form a veritable choir with a wide selection of numbers.

Chief Nimmo will explain the unusual Scottish instrument. the great Highland Bagpipes. Chief Nimmo came to this country when he was still a lad, his father being an Edinburgh Scot and his mother a Frazer from the Highlands.

This program is the second of a series of four being sponsored by the Journalism Class this year. Tickets will be sold by the journalism students for 25 cents, tax included.

Stout Named F. H. T. Sweetheart Friday

Donald Stout, sophomore, was named Future Homemakers' Sweetheart at the dance Friday night in the Stephen F. Austin auditorium. Margaret Kobeck, club president, welcomed the guests. and Marjory Rogers presented the sweetheart and the other candidates—Jimmy McAlpin, senior; Kenneth Sherry, junior; and Bill Mauldin, freshman.

Those present enjoyed refreshments of punch and cookies.

Attractive red and white crepe paper streamers and a large heart on the stage decorated the auditorium and followed the sweetheart theme.

McLeaish Places In Sports Contest

Ed McLeeaish, senior, has placed two weeks in a football-predicting contest sponsored by the C. and H. Distributing Company in Harlingen.

Ed won third place the first week and first place the second week. He has picked nine out of ten winners each week.

Ed won $2 the first week and $5 the next week.

The winners are announced every Saturday night on KGBS.

Ed has other laurels to add to this victory. He has won first place in the Valley High School Press Conference for the last two years for his sports stories.

THRU THE KEYHOLE

The weekend was literally **full** of dirt. Here is what was seen while peeping THRU THE KEYHOLE.

At the Future Homemakers' dance Friday night were MARY ANN CLIFFORD and DONALD "SWEETHEART" STOUT, PEGGY KIRGAN and VAN SIDENER, PATRICIA DAVISON and JIMMY McALPIN, PATSY ROSS and BILLY MAULDIN. LEOLA MAE NORMAN and JIMMY CLARK, NANCY ANN SOLETHER and CATO CHRISTENSEN, CARINE BRADFORD and WAYNE SWAILS, JANE BARTLEY and DANNY REED, BETTY JEAN ROBERTSON and BILL McKEE, DOLORES TRIPLETT and BOBBY "LOVER" SCHUPP, ELLA DEAN and ED (where have I heard this before?) ZOE and KENNETH, DOREEN and WOODY, CARLENE SCOTT and BALLARD, PAT KEEN and HAL RAY "FRANKIE" JACKSON and CARLINE LOBITZ, CORKY BLOCK and BETTY LEE CRAWFORD, DOLLY DIBRELL and FRED "the ninth wonder" CARR, and HELEN PACE and DICK ARMSTRONG from Donna.

Saturday night DOLLY DIBRELL and ERNEST PATE, MERCER (I could throw a stab right here) and KITTY SUE, and FRED CARR were seen headed for Harlingen. Do you have a girl there, FRED?

Flash!!! What's this we hear? BALLARD has asked CARLENE SCOTT to go steady! Say now, this IS news!!

There's a rumor that a certain Mercedes girl is interested in W.H.S's own HAL POTTS! You'd better get busy, HAL; this is a big opportunity for you!

How did you G.R.'s at camp like a whole week-end without boys? (Silly question!)

What were you doing alone Friday night, BETTY JEAN and ANN?

"RED" seems to have got along with MARGIE very well over the week-end! Here we go again!

Bye, now! We'll see you next week.

The elevator to success is seldom running. Try the stairs.

Editorials

Last Thursday In W. H. S.

"Gee, it's going to be a close game tonight."

"Yeah, I hope the Panthers don't play the way they did last week!"

The crowded bus load of students piled onto the campus and began another Thursday in W. H. S.

The atmosphere was not that of excitement, anxiety. or confidence, although this was possibly going to be one of the harder football games of the season for the Panthers.

The morning passed slowly for the students. They paid little attention to their classes. When the bell rang for pep rally, the students walked slowly into the auditorium and looked around for a seat.

Before the pep rally began, Mr. Murphy had some announcements to make; then he told the students what he thought of last week's pep rally. He said it was the **worst** he had ever seen, and that if they didn't improve, this would be the last one we would nave.

The students agreed with Mr. Murphy, and during the pep rally spontaneous cheers came from them. Even the little boys and girls yelled! The Panthers began to feel as though the students were really behind them and became more confident. The pep rally was dismissed with the singing of the school song. Everyone left with an air of hopeful anticipation. The Band members hurried home to shine their uniforms and the pep squad to press their skirts and blouses.

A few minutes before the game started, the Band marched to their stand. The students applauded the green and gold. As the Band settled down, the Panthers came onto the field amid great cheers from the bleachers. The two teams were lined up, ready for the kickoff. when the Band began playing the stirring "Spirit of Weslaco High." Instantly the students and visitors of both sides rose and the words were sung with sincere feeling and dignity. Immediately following the school song and the kick-off, the cheer leaders led the "School Yell" with the unanimous support of all the pep squad, students, and Band.

The game got off to a fine start with the Panthers playing their best, and the "twelfth man" solidly supporting them. The score was steadily rising for the Panthers, and at the half the score was one to indicate that the Panthers were working together as a unit.

At the half the Weslaco Band formed at the goal post for inspection. The people of Weslaco had never seen the Band perform better. The ranks, files, and diagonals were perfect. The drum major and the twirlers were complimented by all for their drill and twirling.

When the Panthers again came on the field, the twelfth man encouraged them by their shouts of "Come on, Panthers!" and "We're with you, boys!"

During the second half the team played a game that showed they would inevitably win the conference title this year.

As the referee blew the final whistle, one could hear cries of victory.

It was a thrilling moment as the team left the field—victorious. The student body, the Band, the pep squad, and the fans were proud of the Panthers. not only because they knew they had won, but because they knew the team had played a fair, clean game and had worked as one body, with no individual player trying to star. They also realized that the twelfth man had really supported the team 100%.

This is a picture of W. H. S. as it was last Thursday. Let's keep it that way!

Panthers Turn Back La Feria To Win 39-0

Home Team's Passes Click for First Time This Season

The mighty Weslaco Panthers added another star to their crown when they ran roughshod over the La Feria Lions last Thursday night 39-0. The Panthers combined an aerial game and an aggressive ground attack to score in every quarter.

The Panthers' march toward the goal started early in the first period; and after a series of downs, Freasier broke loose to score from the ten. Ryan kicked the point. Ray Cleckler broke loose a few plays later and traveled 60 yards to pay dirt. The try for the point by Ryan was successful.

Early in the second period Jackson carried the pigskin to the four-yard line and then went over standing up. Ryan connected for the point.

The lone marker of the third period was made by Freasier from the four-yard line.

The Panthers ran wild in the fourth period, with McFarland scoring from the 27, and Jackson pushing the ball across the goal two more times in this quarter. However, Jackson's touchdowns were called back because of penalties. The last score of the game came with Jackson shooting a pass to Bennett, who scored. A little later when the Panthers got the ball, McLeaish plunged to the one-yard stripe before being brought down, but time ran out on the Panthers before they could call another play.

Weslaco tallied fourteen first downs to La Feria's four and tried six passes, completing three; while La Feria tried four and completed one.

Roses are red,
Violets are blue
Orchids are $10.00
I wonder—would dandelions look
nice to you?

Panthers to Battle San Benito Greyhounds Here Friday Night

Result Doesn't Count in District Play; Resaca City Eleven Boasts Fair Record

The eyes of the entire Valley will be focused on Barbee Field when the classy Weslaco Panthers and the rugged San Benito Greyhounds clash in their traditional non-conference grid war Friday night. As this game can easily be used as a yard stick in measuring the potent Weslaco Panthers' chances for a third consecutive district title, an immense crowd is expected to throng the local turf.

Boasting a fair season record thus far this year against extremely strong competition, the huge Resaca City Greyhounds should be doubly tough. Long remembered will be the Greyhounds' epic 13-0 defeat-with-honor to the supercharged Brownsville Golden War Eagles defenders of the 16-AA crown.

In Dick Stuesser, '45 All-Valley standout, the bulky Greyhounds possess a formidable scoring threat capable of flaring loose at any time. Bobby Prentiss and Weldon Forren, two barnstorming linemen, also have proved to be valuable assets to the squad.

Yielding defeat so far this year only to the high-flying Harlingen Cardinals, Coach Grady Hester's Weslaco Panthers, District 40-A kingpins, hope to offer the 16-AA Greyhounds plenty of opposition. Still relying on their explosive T formation, the purple Panthers have racked up 208 big points in six ball games. In Jack Freasier and "Jackrabbit" Jackson the Panthers possess two top-notch mailcarriers. Between the two of them, the lads have totaled 90 points.

The probable starting line-up for the Weslaco crew as announced by Coach Grady Hester is as follows:

Bennett	LE
McAlpin	LT
Sawyer	LG
Ryan	C
Potts	RG
Clevinger	RT
Guess	RE
Martin	QB
Jackson	LH
Freasier	RH
Cleckler	FB

The La Feria Lions Thursday night went home convinced that they had met an inspired Panther team and were justly defeated 39-0. The Panthers gave the Lions an abundance of thrills and played their brand of football that night.

After their hard game Thursday night, only one player was absent from school Friday, Ray Cleckler was absent because he went to San Marcos to see his brother, "Doc" Cleckler, play.

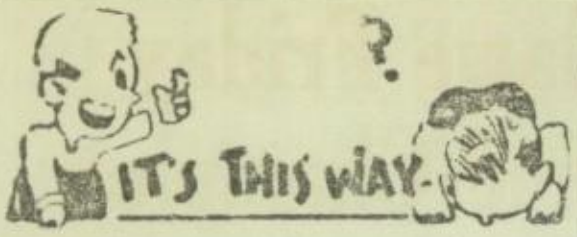
Coach now has a new back who is as big as an ox and runs like a jackrabbit. Howard McFarland is the new back. He became eligible for the Pharr game.

Co-captain for the La Feria game was Jack Freasier, a 180 pound "Locomotive" back. Jack was an outstanding back of last year's bi-district squad as well as this year's team. Jack is noted for his line plunging and defensive playing.

Tony Guerra, winner of first place in the Valley High School Press Association as sportswriter of the HI-LIFE for several years in succession, is now a sports writer on Texas University's paper, THE DAILY TEXAN.

Lillian had a little lamb;
It was given her to keep,
It followed Lillian everywhere,
But died from lack of sleep.

Mary had a little watch,
She swallowed it—it's gone.
Now wherever Mary walks—
"Time marches on."



Tum ti di, ra dooly la la. And how are all of my faithful readers feeling this fine Wednesday morning? After making all the rounds, we find that IT'S THIS WAY—

Say, kids, wasn't that a fine game last Thursday night? The Panthers really went to town; let's just hope they keep up the good work!!

Orchids to the Band for its excellent performance at the game last Thursday night!! The Twirlers certainly made an impressive scene by twirling with fire.

"Two, foe, six. eight." Got it? This isn't an arithmetic class for beginners learning how to count. It's just that junior cheer leader, Marjorie Rogers, leading the yells in pep rally. Althouh it sounds as if Marge is from Gawgia in the Deep South, she is really from Chicago, in the Far North. All of W.H.S. agrees, however, that she's a first class cheer leader!

The walls nearly came tumbling down last Thursday when W.H.S. students gave out with the yells in pep rally. Keep up the good work, kids; the boys really appreciate it.

It looks as though Kenneth Sherry is trying to take the honor of having sold the most annual subscriptions away from Jim Moyer, last year's business manager. Last Monday Kenneth had a total of 100 subscriptions to his credit. Good work, Kenneth!

Congratulations, Don, on being elected Future Homemakers' Sweetheart for 1946-'47. That certainly was a good dance the Homemakers gave last Friday night in honor of their newly elected sweetheart. See how much you mean to them, Donald?

It's time I was leaving now. but I'll be seein' ya soon—bye.

Love is like eating mushrooms. You don't know whether or not it's the real thing until it's too late.

John Pigskin Parades Purple And White

Intently Johnny Pigskin gazed at the wall in his candy-striped pajamas. Suddenly he let out a yell that sent his mother tearing up to his room in wonder.

"Ah, yes, after all these months of hoping and praying, the time has come," he mumbled, as he gleefully rubbed his hands while gazing at the mercury, which had fallen to an all-time low of 64 degrees.

Yes, fellows, Ole Man Winter finally heard your desperate prayers. and with one last puff sent a ripple of cool air twisting and winding into the torrid regions in which we seem to exist. (How it survived the wastelands between Kingsville and Raymondville we'll never know!)

At school you might find our typical football hero with that coveted football jacket draped around his manly shoulders, happily chattnig with his fellow comrades, with sweat pouring down his face.

On the level, boys, we were all a mite jealous that we weren't in that parade of purple and white that invaded our school last week!

G. R.'s Study, Play At Fall Conference

"Be quiet so I can sleep! Pass the bread! Oh boy, it's swim time! Let's play tennis!"

These were a few of the remarks heard from the girls at the Girl Reserve Fall Conference at Rio Hondo Saturday and Sunday.

The main events of the camp Saturday were the Identification Contest, Stunt Hour, and the Campfire Service. Sunday morning there was a meeting of the Inter-Club Council. A Worship Hour was also held. Each day there was time for swimming, tennis, or just loafing.

Those attending from Weslaco were Patsy Martin, Peggy Hull, Wilma Walker, Emma Jean Barber, Doris Potts, Billie Crosby, Ann Waller, and Loretta Shields.

Misses Jean Spratt and Louise Williams, sponsors, accompanied the girls.

Acrey To Speak To Student Body Today

The Rev. Chauncey Acrey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Mercedes, will speak on "The Problems that Face Students" in general assembly today, October 23 at 10 o'clock.

The Social Studies department is in charge of this program. Hal Potts will act as student chairman.

Squarehead Gloats As He Announces Only One Miss in Last Week's Predictions

Down on the floor, it's a box; no, it's a crate; no, it's Squarehead.

Good morning, friends. How are all the students of higher learning? I, myself, fared fairly well this week, missing only one game. I now have an even 75 per cent average for the year. Here is how they turned out:

Harlingen 2—Edinburg 0 — A close shave, but an inch is as good as a mile.

Kingsville 18—San Benito 6— My only mistake of the week. Oh, well.

Pharr 12—Mercedes 6 — The Bears are really improving. Somebody had better watch his step.

Weslaco 39—La Feria 0 — The Lions completely collapsed.

Robstown 26 — McAllen 0 — Something has surely got into the Cottonpickers.

Looking at next week's schedule. we find the following:

Brownsville over Robstown — The Eagles are in for a tough scrap.

Harlingen over McAllen—If the Cards play ball, it won't be too close.

Kingsville over Edinburg—All these 16AA teams are evenly matched.

Weslaco over San Benito — Please don't save this to refer to on Saturday morning.

Mercedes over Raymondville— A battle of defenses.

La Feria over Rio Grande City —Not very close.

Mission over Lyford—Obviously.

Donna over Pharr—This is a good time for an upset, however, I'll stick with the Redskins.

There you are. Unless some of my more affectionate fans catch up with me, I'll be back again next week. Cheerio.

"Kilties" to Be Here Friday 11 A.M.

Hoot, mon, the Kilties are comin'!

Yes, studes, Friday morning at 11 o'clock you will have the opportunity of enjoying one of the big attractions of the year.

The Kilties, musicians dressed as Highland Scots, will play Scottish ballads, popular numbers, classics, and songs and will present dramatic impersonations.

This is the second of a series of four programs being presented by the Journalism Class. Profits will be used in publishing LA PALMA in order that the yearbook may be offered at the lowest price possible. Admission will be 25 cents, and tickets are on sale now by the journalism students.

Plans for VHSPC Fall Banquet Made

Plans for the fall banquet of the Valley High School Press Conference to be held at "The Den" in Pharr December 4 were made in a meeting last Wednesday evening, when 29 students and sponsores, representing seven Valley schools, met in the senior high school building. Ballard Bennett, secretary - treasurer of VHSPC. presided in the absence of the president and vice president.

At the banquet in December the awards for the best annuals of 1945-46 will be made, plaques to be given to first and second place winners.

Schools represented at the meeting were McAllen, Pharr, Edcouch-Elsa, Mercedes, Harlingen, San Benito and Weslaco.

Homemakers to Give Silver Tea Nov. 3

The Future Homemakers will have a silver tea Sunday, November 3, at the home of Marjorie Rogers, 1018 Indiana. All mothers and fathers of the Future Homemakers are invited to attend the tea between the hours of 3:30 and 5.

Committee chairmen for the tea are as follows: Refreshments, Martha Ann Knapp; decorations, Jean Barber and Pat Keen; place, Marjorie Rogers; clean-up, Katherine Cleckler.

Panther-Eagle Game Friday Night to Determine Champion

Both Teams Have Perfect Conference Record; Close Contest Expected

Still clinging feverishly to their desperate hope for a third consecutive district title, the Weslaco Panthers invade the Mission stronghold Friday night to tussle the massive Mission Eagles. This pigskin masterpiece promises to be the number one 40-A football package for the 1946 campaign, as the victors will undoubtedly be crowned conference kings.

Labeled as the logical eleven to succeed the Panthers for the top-rung of the sectional grid ladder, the staunch Eagle supporters boast of their greatest football crew since the illustrious days of 1941, when Tommy Landry and company last roamed the local grid plains. Crisp blocking and superb ball-handling keynote Coach James Miller's revamped Eagle eleven, who have totaled 189 points thus far this year.

Perhaps the Panthers' season record does not possess the golden glitter of the Eagles', but the Weslaco aggregation have kept their conference slate clean. Furthermore, it is generally acknowledged that Weslaco possesses a potent ball team capable of erupting on any occasion. Only Harlingen and San Benito, two 16-AA outfits, have stopped the '46 Panthers.

In the personnel department both squads furnish a galaxy of stars. Freasier, Bennett, Potts, and Jackson are heralded as the Weslaco standouts, while Rome, D. Carter, and Bradshaw head the formidable Mission brigade. Moreover, the grueling contest should supply the anticipated capacity crowd with numerous thrills, as both elevens display excellent offensive power capable supported by hefty forward walls.

Something should also be said concerning the opposing coaches, Grady Hester of Weslaco and James Miller of Mission, as both boast unusual records — neither the Panthers nor the Eagles have dropped a conference contest since their arrival in the Magic Valley. Genial Grady Hester, head mentor in Pantherland since 1944, has copped seventeen straight victories; while James Miller, a rookie in Valley coaching circles, has sent the Eagles through to four consecutive triumphs.

Since the two elevens began their grid rivalry in 1931, they have battled thirteen times, with the Panthers proving superior seven times, and the Eagles topping the score on six occasions. Possibly the best remembered of these struggles is the hectic '37 scrap, when Mission edged Weslaco 16-13 to crush the Panthers' pennant aspirations of that year.

There are two little sardines in a skillet. What are they singing? "Small Fry"!!

Nine W.H.S. Students Injured Saturday

Nine high school students were injured last Saturday morning when the jeep in which they were riding collided with a truck near the highway bridge east of Mercedes.

The injured were Carlene Scott, driver of the jeep, Ann Waller, Genevieve Schritter, Betty Lee Crawford, Marjorie Rogers, Patsy Keen, Carlene Lobitz, Carl Lobitz, and Larry Lehman, owner of the jeep.

All were taken to hospitals in Mercedes or Weslaco, where they were later released, as none were seriously injured.

Who's Who In 40-A Conference

Teams	W.	L.	T.	O.
Weslaco Panthers	5	2	215	48
Donna Redskins	3	3	186	69
Pharr Bears	3	3	68	100
Mission Eagles	5	1	180	26
La Feria Lions	4	3	62	116
Raymondville Bearkats	2	3	89	49
R.G.C. Rattlers	1	5	13	255
Mercedes Tigers	2	5	84	122
Lyford Bulldogs	0	5	6	169

Chief Squarehead Grieves As Average Drops to 73%

How are all the happy followers of the gridiron sport today? Well, then, how are all the unhappy ones? This party has come to the conclusion that every week, teams up and down the Valley diligently study this column and then go to great lengths to do the opposite of the predictions. At any rate, I missed three out of eight this week and my season's average now stands at 73 per cent.

Here are last week's results:

Harlingen 12—McAllen 0—The Cards seem to put out just enough to win and no more.

Brownsville 20—Robstown 7—The Eagles are well on their way to another championship.

San Benito 7—Weslaco 6—Both teams looked only fair.

Mercedes 15—Raymondville 12—This proved to be an exceptionally good game.

Edinburg 14 — Kingsville 0 — How did that happen?

La Feria 14—Rio Grande City 7—The Rattlers are showing real improvement.

Mission 47—Lyford 0—There is nothing wonderful or supercolossal about that score.

Pharr 12—Donna 0—The Panthers are beginning to realize how lucky they were to sneak by the Bears.

Next week's card is light with 16AA conference games, but the 40A race reaches its climax. Here goes my neck:

Kingsville over McAllen—The Brahmas are off again, on again.

Orange over Brownsville — Orange has an exceptionally good team this year.

Robstown over Corpus Christi Academy—It should be a slaughter.

La Feria over Edcouch Elsa—I've got to raise my average some way.

Pharr over Rio Grande City—A real thriller.

Donna over Raymondville — I have a hunch the Redskins will show a great deal of improvement this week.

Weslaco over Mission—I remember last year's Pharr game when Richards made a —15 yards the whole game. The Panthers are toughest when the chips are down.

There it is, folks. I'm really sticking my neck out on some of these, but I just have to take the chance.

Editorials

A Winning Combination!

Friday night the Panthers will play the Mission Eagles in what will be the Panthers' hardest conference game of the year. Its outcome will probably decide the winner of District 40-A.

In order for the Panthers to play their best, they must know that the student body is solidly behind them. The success of this game will be in a large measure up to us, the "Twelfth Man". Our confidence and loyalty to the Panthers will be shown Friday at pep rally and at the game when we cheer tnem on to victory.

The "Spirit of Weslaco High" will receive its greatest test Friday night, and it will be up to us to see that it does not fail!

The Panthers will enter the game Friday night with one idea—to win. If the Panthers give their best, and we do the same, we can await the outcome with confidence.

Let's Have Fun, But—

Trick or treat? Does this remind you of a certain night during the month of October? Yes, it's Hallowe'en!!!

This is usually one of the busiest times in the policemen's year. Isn't it a pity they have to guard everything so carefully because a few people think that to have fun they must destroy things? Don't you feel sorry for the poor "Cops"?

If you are planning to have your fun tomorrow night by soaping car windows, littering yards with signs, or carrying off yard furniture —think twice!! How would you like to have **your** car windows soaped **your** yard covered with signs, or **your** furniture carried off? Also think of the poor, hardworking police and then try to think of a nicer, cleaner way to have your fun!

Greetings. On behalf of my readers, I'd like to explain the change of the title of this column. You see, not being as young as I once was, my weary old bones couldn't take the continual strain of peeping thru that keyhole any longer; thus I adopted a new and easier way of collecting dirt with THE VACUUM CLEANER.

A "mucher buener" time was had at the Little Broadway dance Friday ngiht by such couples as "RED" and JODY, JACK and MARY ARTHUR from McAllen, KEN and ZOE, MARY SUE and BOB, and DONALD and BETTY LEE.

Everything seems to be smooth-sailing with JEAN ANN and BILLY MALOY.

The mail man is a popular old boy around SHIRLEY BULLARD'S house. ROGER McAULEY from college writes nice letters, doesn't he, SHIRLEY?

Now, talk about writing letters, LAURETTA RYAN is undisputed champ. We hear TOODLEM MALOY enjoys them, too.

Donna still works its way into this column every week. ANN was with BILL BROWN Friday night.

DILLIE, which do you prefer, blondes or brunettes? TED and R. L. are both mighty nice, aren't they?

The younger generation gets around more than the older ones sometimes. SUE THOMPSON and RICHARD BABB, BOB GUESS and MARY SUE, ED and GAIL, and others are seen enjoying each other's company on the campus constantly. Ain't love grand?

We hear SUE ECCLES has an admirer who walks her home everyday. He's BILLY THOMAS.

HOMER and BOBBY RAY were having a lot of fun with two San Benito girls at the dance.

RITA MILANO seems to have done pretty well over the week-end. She was with BOB HENRICHSON Friday night and with R. L. ALRIDGE Saturday night. DILLIE must be slipping, but then she can have both TED McCOLLUM and R. L.

I see the vacuum cleaner is full; so I'd better go empty it. I'll see you next week when it's time to pick up all the dirt again.

"Youth Must Create Peace," Says Acrey

World Friendship Only Solution Seen For Future

"The young people of America must widen the diplomatic channels of the world so that the good will of American youth may be transmitted to the youth of other nations." This was the keynote of the talk given by Rev. Chauncey Acrey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Mercedes, last Wednesday morning in the auditorium.

The speaker declared that the absence of war does not mean peace, as the world today is being held together by force. "We cannot have genuine peace until all the nations develop a good feeling toward other nations," Mr. Acrey said.

"There were two ideologies fighting against each other in the last war—the neo-pagan belief that the state was the supreme object of devotion and the Christian philosophy, which makes God the Supreme Being," he stated; "and we are indeed blessed with the triumph of the Christian belief."

The bombs dropped over Nagasaki and Hiroshima contained explosives weighing no more than a buckshot, and there is a possibility that the atom bomb may be developed to a more destructive agency than it is now, Rev. Acrey explained. "God has placed infinite resources in the hands of men; and with atomic energy man is able to destroy everything God has created, as the heat given off is so tremendous that it vaporizes even solid masses."

As there is no defense against the atom bomb, nations must abandon the notions of national security and of creating "spheres of influence" he declared.

Mr. Acrey closed his talk by saying that if there is a next war, it will be a short one, as bacteriological research reveals substances even more dangerous than the atomic bomb. "It is therefore up to the high school generation of today to see that there is no other war tomorrow," he urged.

Yep, studes, here I am again. The handle has changed—but it's the same ole me underneath. Don't throw your papers away; at least give me a chance!

Are you one of those forgetful kids that can't remember to bring your dollar for a down payment on an annual? You better remember not to forget or you'll be sorry!! (You may be too late already.)

The Science Club is planning to plant more grass on the W.H.S. campus; however, the project will not be a success unless we studes co-operate and keep off the grass. After all, the sidewalks were made to walk on, anyway.

Hats off to the Band for their performance last Friday night. AS I SEE IT, they keep getting better and better. Frances Hudson certainly made a good stand-in as twirler for Eva Mae Betts. That ship with the flying banners, "S.S. SAN BENITO" and "S.S. WESLACO" was really impressive.

That Little Broadway is in the groove!! Last Friday night they chalked off another success on their list of dances. The Hallowe'en decorations and the spooky skit were really tops!

"Quick! Hand me my sun glasses!" No, we're not losing our minds or anything like that (everybody laugh). It's just that some W.H.S. boys have walked by with those blinding shirts on—green, red, blue, plaid—any color you want and guaranteed not to fade! We're only joking, boys; we like color around our school.

You studes really showed your vumpf* when we marched down town last Friday afternoon: Let's keep up the good work; the boys really like it. (Yumpf (noun)—spirit; energy; vitality).

Out of time, out of space, and out of words so—bye.

Hounds Defeat Panthers 7-6 Friday Night

Statistics Prove Weslaco Superior In Hard Fought Game

The Weslaco Panthers met their second defeat of the year, 7-6, at the hands of the San Benito Greyhounds last Friday night on Barbee Field.

The first quarter was scoreless, with the Panthers threatening once on the fifteen-yard line. However, the Hounds were able to hold them.

In the second period the Hounds made a couple of first downs and finally reached the one-foot line. After three downs Stuesser drove over for the score. The try for the point was successful. The Panthers were in scoring position once again before the half, but time ran out on them.

Weslaco received the kick to open the third stanza and in three plays drove to the ten. In two more downs Freasier hit pay dirt. The try for point failed. Weslaco remained in San Benito territory the rest of the quarter but failed to score.

In the fourth period the Panthers again drove into the Hounds' territory, but the visitors managed to punt out every time before the Panthers could get into scoring position.

The Panthers tallied thirteen first downs to the visitors' five. Weslaco also completed three passes of sixteen thrown, while San Benito completed one out of five.

CORRECTION

The HI-LIFE regrets that the name of Dixie Jo George was not on the honor roll. This name was not sent in by the homeroom teacher.

A lady's mind is always clean,
I've heard most people say;
The reason why they stay like that,
They change them every day.

G.R.'s to Help Raise $365 Relief Fund

Doris Jean Potts and Ann Waller gave brief talks on Finance and Service, main topics at the Fall conference, at the regular meeting of the Girl Reserves Tuesday of last week in the auditorium.

It was decided that the Weslaco Chapter of Girl Reserves would participate in sending $365, quota of Valley G. R.'s, for services overseas this Christmas. This money will help to reorganize Girl Reserves in foreign lands.

The club voted to have a booth at the Hallowe'en Carnival tomorrow night.

Miss Anna Moseson, secretary of Valley Girl Reserves, and the girls' mothers were guests at the meeting.

Seniors Lead W.H.S. In Percentage Of Subscriptions

Only nine annuals were left of the 300 when the HI-LIFE went to press Monday at noon.

The following table shows the proportion of subscribers in each class.

	Enrollment	Subscribers
Seniors	47	43
Juniors	70	58
Sophomores	84	55
Freshmen	84	47
8th Grade	87	33
7th Grade	98	32
Ex-students	—	5
Faculty	—	18
Total		291

Carnival to Be Held At Grammar School

The annual Hallowe'en carnival sponsored by the Mothers' Club will be held tomorrow night at the Stephen F. Austin School.

The carnival will get underway at 6:30 with a barbecue, which will replace the usual Mexican dinner held at this time. Among the amusements planned for the carnival are cake walks, bingo games, penny-pitching, and fortune telling. These will be sponsored by service and civic organizations.

The annual children's parade will not be held this year.

All proceeds from the carnival will go to the Mothers' Club.

KORNY KORNER

He looked up—
Then—in a flash—
Vivid colors played on his cheeks.
His head swam.
A wild look appeared in his eyes—
He fell—hard.
He was never the same man again.
She looked up—
To her, too, the giddy feeling came.
A blanket of scarlet hid her face.
She gasped—
She fell—hard—very hard.
And she was never the same again.
Has Dan Cupid scored again?
Has the flower of romance bloomed once more?
Ah, no, my friend—
It was only an icy sidewalk!

Kittens Trample Pharr Cubs 22-6

The Weslaco Kittens tromped the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Cubs 22-6 last Thursday night.

The first quarter was scoreless; however, in the second quarter Bembow plunged through the line four yards for a touchdown, with Mauldin making the point.

The third quarter started with the Cubs' receiving; however, they fumbled on their first down, and Haas recovered for the Kittens. In the closing minutes of the third quarter Omer Dale Jackson ran 38 yards to pay dirt. Jackson also mad the point. The Cubs had a touchback marked against them also, which gave the Kittens two more points.

Francisco Luna made the last tally by diving over the goal from the two.

Outstanding for the Kitten line were Lackey, Miller, and Potts, while Luna and Keathley fought hard in the backfield.

He: "May I hold you Palmolive?"
She: "Not on your Lifebuoy."
He: "Then I'm out of Lux?"
She: "Yes. Ivory Formed."

Purple-and-Whites Defeat Favored Mission Eagles 6-0

Tense Crowd of 6500 Sees Close Game Between Two Good Teams Struggling For 40-A Championship

Scrapping with the ferocious tenacity which characterizes the jungle wildcat whose name they have adopted, the pugnacious Panthers of Weslaco High School fought the highly vaunted offense of the Mission Eagles to a standstill and with less than four minutes left to play shook an unheralded back, Howard McFarland, loose on a sixty-yard jaunt to pay dirt for the only touchdown of the game. The contest was highlighted by the superlative defensive team play of both sides, and the great broken field running of Mission's Robert Rome and Weslaco's Howard McFarland.

The first quarter was used by both teams to feel the opponent out and to study the defensive alignment being run against them; however, the Eagles kept the Weslaco aggregation deep in their own territory with the high-booming punt of Rome.

Early in the second period the Panthers discovered the major weakness in Mission's defense—the flank, and via this route worked the ball to the Eagles' forty-five. Here, however, they were forced to punt, but shortly after this, found themselves in possession of the ball on their own forty-yard marker. It was then that the Panthers opened an aerial assault which netted two completed passes for about thirty-five yards. The last pass was nullified by a fumble after completion which the alert Mission secondary recovered on their own twenty-five. In turn a Mission back fumbled, and the ball was pounced on by a white-shirted lad. The next play saw McFarland skirt his end and zig zag his way to the Mission five, only to have the pigskin brought back to the twenty-two on a clipping penalty.

The Panthers then plugged the ball to the eighteen in two plays for a penetration. Shortly thereafter, it went over on downs, and the remainder of the half was a stalemate.

The third quarter had got under way much as the first, when suddenly Rome dropped back and shot a thirty-yard heave to Bradshaw, Eagle right half, who was dumped on the Panther eleven. The next play, however, saw the Panther defensive line swarm through to drop fullback Carter for a seven-yard loss. Desperate, the Upper-Valley boys took to the air, but to no avail. From there the Panthers took over and worked the ball out of danger.

In the fourth stanza the contest continued to be the see-saw affair it had been the first three quarters until McFarland took an innocent-looking lateral and skirted his own left end. As he broke upfield, he turned on a terrific burst of speed, and with the aid of scythe-like blocking from his teammates scampered sixty yards for a score. The try for the point was wide.

The Mission boys were stunned, but fought back gamely with a dazzling barrage of passes, any of which could have tied up the game. Finally the ball went to the Panthers, who held possession of it till the game ended.

The team work of both elevens was phenomenal. Seldom was a tackle made by a single player, for invariably the ball carrier was met by a host of opposing tacklers. Both the Eagles and the Panthers gave ground with the reluctance of Spartans at the battle of Thermopylae, and it is doubtful that two more determined teams have ever met on a Valley gridiron.

The Central City team held an edge in statistics, which are as follows: First downs, Weslaco 11, Mission 6; passes completed, Weslaco 3, Mission 2; penetrations, Weslaco 2, Mission 1.

Who's Who In 40-A Conference

Teams	W.	L.	T.	O.
Weslaco Panthers	6	2	221	48
Donna Redskins	4	3	239	69
Pharr Bears	4	3	118	100
Mission Eagles	5	2	180	32
La Feria Lions	5	3	102	116
Raymondville Bearkats	2	4	89	102
R.G.C. Rattlers	1	6	13	305
Mercedes Tigers	2	5	84	122
Lyford Bulldogs	0	5	6	169

Strategy Against Redskins Plotted

Talking it over, left to right are Ballard Bennett, captain and end, Asst. Coach Henson, and Head Coach Grady Hester. Ballard was elected permanent captain by the team at the first of the season. An honorary co-captain is chosen for each game.

Greetings, Gates!! Ready for our regular Wednesday morning chat? Here is all of the latest gossip and gab AS I SEE IT—

Wasn't that a super-colossal program that the Kilties gave last Friday morning? THE WHEEL of McAllen sent down three reporters to cover the program for its next paper. The Kilties were not to be in McAllen until after the paper had gone to press, and they wanted an early story.

Kenneth Jones, make-up editor of the HI-LIFE, has taken over the job of assistant editor for this week's paper in the absence of Ann Waller. Ann will be back in her position for next week's paper, however.

"Purple and white,
Purple and white,
Panthers, Panthers,
Fight! Fight! Fight!
Purple! White! Panthers! Fight!
Purple and white,
Purple and white,
Yea, Panthers,
Fight! Fight! Fight!

The time has come again for the Weslaco- Donna football game. Everybody knows that this has been an outstanding game for both teams for a long time. When we yell our school yell, let's really get behind it and give out with all we've got. The championship isn't officially won yet.

Did you kids notice how quiet the halls were last week without Carline Lobitz and Ann Waller? One can usually hear their laughter and uninterrupted chatter between all periods; however, last week the girls were not to be heard. P.S. They're back again now and screaming for everyone not to touch them. (I wonder why?)

The game with Mission last Friday night was really super, but def!! It was the most exciting game Yours Truly has seen in a long time.

Seen on a sign: "Drive carefully. Don't kill the children—wait for the teachers."

Congratulations!—and a Warning

The student body, Band, and other fans of Weslaco have probably never been as proud of any team as they were Friday night when the Panthers defeated the Mission Eagles 6-0. For the third consecutive year the Panthers will probably be champions of District 40-A.

Much of the credit should go to Panthers' mentor, Grady Hester. The team undoubtedly has one of the finest coaches in South Texas. He is ably assisted by Coach Buck Henson.

The "twelfth man"—Pep Squad, cheerleaders, Band, and all other supporters—should also be congratulated. They were never more solidly behind the team than they were Friday night.

The Donna Redskins are now the only threat to the Panthers' winning the district title. To some observers the game might look easy. However, the Panthers must play harder than ever. Overconfidence has lost many a game.

It would certainly be a feather in Donna's cap if they could defeat the potential district champions.

Next Monday we will again be able to show how great "The Spirit of Weslaco High" is. If the Panthers play their best, and we are solidly behind them, we can again await the outcome with confidence.

B. H.

What's that noise? Yes, it's the **Vacuum Cleaner** picking up all the dirt. Better watch out, studes, or it will get you next!!

Some of the couples seen Saturday night getting hayseed in their hair were JODY and "RED," ANN and HOMER, EMMA JEAN and HAL, EVA MAE and BILLY GRIFFIN, PATSY and REECE, "SCOTTY" and BALLARD, MARY ANN and TOMMY, PATTIE and "COUNTRY," ZOE and KENNETH, DORIS JEAN and "WOODY," BETTY JUNE and NORMAN, and HAZEL and KENNETH JONES.

A certain junior in W.H.S. has it bad for an "AGGIE" and also CHUCK DENNING (from McAllen). Her initials are E. M. B.

Say, MARJORIE, those asters "RED" gave you surely are pretty!

BETTY LEE and DONALD, and ELLA DEAN and ED were seen at the Drive-In.

At ROWENA'S after the game Friday night were EVA MAE and BILLY JOE, CARLENE and BALLARD, and EMMA JEAN and HAL. (Say, this is getting to be quite a habit.)

JOHN ELLIS, BAKER, and ED McLEAISH didn't have dates for the Roliki hayride. Say, girls, you better get to work on these boys.

When HAL'S name is mentioned, a certain junior girl gets a gleam in her eyes. Isn't that right, PAT?

FRANCES HUDSON was with LOWELL HOLMES from Donna over the week end.

CLARA FAYE has been seen a lot with ARDEAN McDANIEL, HELEN'S brother.

The **Vacuum Cleaner** has given out so many stabs this week that it just fell apart. But don't get excited; I will have it fixed before next week!!

Now I lay me down to rest,
Before I take tomorrow's test.
If I should die before I wake,
Thank God, I'll have no test to take.

"Cornbread" Cleckler, Rowena Haas, William Bach, and Joy Triplett, all ex-studes, were seen in our pep rally last Friday afternoon. It looks as if they just can't stay away from ole W.H.S.

Martin Stuart, coach of the Kittens, started his team with a few second stringers from last year's Junior team. With outstanding coaching and the excellent spirit of the Kittens, they have extended their winning streak to four games. Lackey, Bembow, and Jackson are among the boys from the Junior team that will make good material for the Panther squad.

On November 11 the Panthers will be the same Kittens of 1943 that were defeated twice by the Donna Junior team, Donna Redskins now, by the score of 33-0 and 27-0. The Panthers will settle this feud by beating the Redskins in all departments next Monday.

R. L. Aldridge last week helped Coach Hester out with the acute pants shortage. R. L., a former Panther star, brought up, to the astonishment of the team, two pairs of pants. Coach Hester expressed his appreciation for the gift and said that if things came to the worst, they, the coaches, would make a raid on the managers' quarters to secure equipment. (Big joke—signed N. W. and K. S.)

"Glory hog" Barnett always tries to get into the picture Look at the picture of the coaches and the captain on this page, and you will see him trying to sneak into it. Too bad you're not fast enough, Barnett.

All-Valley Band To Meet November 9

The first practice of the All-Valley Band will be held in Mercedes on November 9, according to an announcement made by Joe Bellamah, Band director.

Approximately ten students will attend from each school, representing their own instrumental sections respectively.

Plans for the All-Valley Band include radio broadcasts and concerts during the year.

Weslaco to Meet Donna Nov 11 For Annual Grid Classic

Redskins' Reservation to Be Scene Of Scalping Duel; Panthers Hold Statistical Edge on Indians

Apparently headed for their third consecutive conference crown, the Weslaco Panthers' grid juggernaut rumbles into Donna Monday afternoon to clash with the frenzied Donna Redskins in another of their epic pigskin classics. With the opening kick-off slated for 2:30 o'clock, both squads are reported in top physical shape for the grueling grid grind.

Fresh from their sterling 6-0 victory over the highly regarded Mission War Eagles, the classy W.H.S. Panthers enter the annual fray with a slight nod of favoritism from the learned prognosticators. Skepticism prevails in both grid camps, however, for past records are seemingly cast aside prior to the opening whistle of a Weslaco-Donna tussle. Since the two elevens first exchanged tackles in 1924, the favored crew has rarely reigned victorious at a game's finish. Possibly the best example of this is the Redskins' astounding 40-0 triumph in the 1939 fracas.

With two bi-district titles under his belt since his arrival in the Mid-Valley city in 1944 and hungry for a third, capable Coach Grady Hester is not selling the powerful Redskins short. Knowing full well that the Donna aggregation is laden with offensive power, Hester is planning to defend against the demon-like thrusts through the line of Arnold and Wilson, two returning All-Valley backs from the '45 grid scramble. Bolstering the Redskin forward wall are Ronald Curry and "Dizzy" Dean, two husky youths who also started for the Donna aggregation last year.

Out of the purple-clad Panthers' brigade of stars, the names of ay Cleckler, Hal Potts, Jack reasier, and Homer Ryan merit special attention. All of the lads turned in creditable performances last week against Mission and have also been largely responsible for Weslaco's unblemished conference record this year.

If the potent Panthers should emerge victorious from the crucial contest, they would clinch a third consecutive District 40-A championship; moreover, it would mean Weslaco's nineteenth consecutive conference victory. Neither of these facts has been previously accomplished in the history of Valley grid annals.

The game, being an afternoon affair, is expected to attract its usual capacity crowd, with Donna's tomahawking Redskins out trying to avenge the 35-0 defeat dealt them by the Weslaco Panthers in '45. On the other hand, Weslaco will be out for their third straight conquest over the Redskin eleven, something no Panther squad has been capable of accomplishing since 1927.

Panthers to Loose Secret Weapon

The potent Panthers are calmly awaiting the oncoming scrap with the Donna Redskins Armistice Day, since at last a lucky charm has been produced.

In 1944 Aldridge frightened the mighty savages with his bushy black whiskers, while the Panther squad, masquerading as convicts with their crew hair cuts, did the trick in '45.

This year, however, an even more potent charm, which in ways resembles the atomic bomb, has been supplied. Ed McLeaish has graciously consented to use his powerful physique in the Donna game, after the team and both coaches pleaded for days with him. It is even rumored that Coach Hester, upon learning the news, made a complete revision of the team, switching McLeaish to the back-field, thereby taking out the entire line, so that they can be saved for the Bi-District game.

29 BOYS CONSTITUTE SQUAD THAT HOPES TO WIN THIRD SUCCESSIVE VICTORY OVER REDSKINS

Pictured above is the entire Panther squad, which expects to win a third successive victory from Weslaco's old rivals, the Donna Redskins, next Monday at 2:30 on the Indians' camping ground.

Reading left to right the boys are as follows: Front row—Norman Watson (manager), Hal Potts, Maurice Clevinger, Ray Jackson, Ed McLeaish, "Red" Martin, Jack Freasier, Ed Barnett, John Sawyer, Jerry Waggoner, Freddie Carr. Second row—Bobby Schupp, Howard McFarland, Robert Pickard, Corwin Block, Ballard Bennett, Billy Joe Day, George Thompson, Jimmy McAlpin, Bob Guess, Baker Osborne. Third row—W. J. Chambers, James Forrest, Marion Rose, Harold Dean Pate, J. W. Pace, Lewis Hetcock, Marvin Moore, and Don Stout. Back row—Coach Buck Henson, Homer Ryan, and Coach Grady Hester.

Squarehead Smiles as Score Skips Skyward; Climbs Back Out on Limb

Greetings, fellow followers of the gridiron sport. Today I'm in ever so happy a mood, for my average has risen to a healthy 78 per cent. This is encouraging despite the fact that it's still below last year's level.

The conferences races are pretty well shaped up at this date; however, the Brownsville Eagles, the glamor boys of 16-AA, have two tough games ahead of them. In 40-A the Panthers are assured of their third straight title unless they drop their two final games.

Here are last week's results:

Weslaco 6—Mission 0—A case of mind over matter.

Corpus Christi Academy 7—Robstown 6—I had to make my usual weekly blunder.

Pharr 50—Rio Grande City 0—Thrills!

Donna 53 — Raymondville 0 — Didn't I say the Redskins would bounce back doubly tough?

Orange 25 — Brownsville 7 — The Eagles made a real scrap of it.

Kingsville 18—McAllen 0—The Bulldogs are resting on the bottom rung this year.

Next week we find the following:

Brownsville over Edinburg—Always a hard fought game.

Harlingen over San Benito—It will probably be closer than the **Harlingen Star** would make out.

Mercedes over La Feria—The Lions have gone down a lot since they knocked Pharr off.

Mission over Rio Grande City—That ought to help my average.

Pharr over McAllen—The Bears will have a chance to prove their worth.

Weslaco over Donna—By anywhere from one to seven points.

That's the way I see it, friends. I may be sticking my neck out on the Weslaco-Donna tilt; but if the Panthers play ball, I won't need to worry.

'Nuff said—so long.

Kittens Trample Mercedes Cubs 14-6

The Weslaco Kitten eleven trounced the Mercedes Cubs last Wednesday night 14 to 6 on Barbee Field.

The two Kitten touchdowns were made in the last half. The first came late in the third quarter, when Luna ran the ball over from the nine. Jackson plunged through for the point.

In the first few minutes of the last quarter Luna broke loose for a beautiful 75-yard run to score. Again Jackson made the point.

In the last few minutes of the play the Cubs completed a pass and ran three yards to pay dirt. The try for point failed.

The Cubs chalked up 4 first downs to the Kittens' 3.

Outstanding for the Kittens were Lackey, Miller, Bembow, and Luna.

Play Cast Is Announced By Bauer

"Drums of Death" To Be Presented December 5

The cast for the Little Broadway production, "Drums of Death" a three-act mystery play, has been selected, according to Miss Anne Bauer, director of the production. The play will be presented December 5.

The cast includes Celeste, an octoroon servant, Emma Jean Barber; Sheldon Harley, manager of the Bailey estate, Kenneth Jones; Jules, a Haitian negro, Julius Knebel; Mrs. Oakley, the housekeeper, Shirley Bullard; Mrs. Gillette, Mr. Bailey's sister, Glenna Ruth Holman. Eugenia Bowles, a distant relative, Patsy McBride; Amelia Gillette, Mrs. Gillette's granddaughter, Dolly Dibrell; Newton Cooper, the county sheriff, Bobby Hankal; Doctor Cameron, a midnight visitor, Billy Ford; and Paula Bailey, Mr. Bailey's granddaughter, Betty Jean Boles.

The play is centered around obtaining a valuable stone which Mr. Bailey, a business man, obtained in Africa. All of Mr. Bailey's relatives are notified by fake telegrams to come to his death bed. Mr. Thompson, a rival of Mr. Bailey, is trying to secure this stone; however, a relative of Mr. Bailey is the only person who can get it from his body.

Rehearsals for the play will be held every afternoon from 4 o'clock to 7.

Thompson Speaks To Homemakers

Mrs. V. C. Thompson spoke on "How to Plan Your Future" at the regular meeting of the Future Homemakers Monday, November 4, at the home of Kitty Sue Allen.

Those girs who wanted Future Homemaker "T" Shirts paid their money to Marjorie Rogers, treasurer.

Dainty refreshments were served to 44 members and the sponsor, Mrs. Jack Bain.

Panthers Scalp Indian Tribe 7-0; 7,000 Watch Listless Game

Victory Assures W.H.S. of Third District Crown Since 1944; Win Is Nineteenth Consecutive Conference Triumph

Scoring on the first play of the second period the Weslaco Panthers now officially the District 40-A kingpins, edged a hostile Donna Redskin eleven by a margin of 7-0 before a throng of approximately 7,000 fans in their traditional Armistice Day festival. The Donna pow-wow grounds was the scene of the epic battle.

Starting their 51-yard stretch drive midway in the first quarter, the potent Panthers capitalized on Donna's major weakness—quick openers through the center of the line. Freasier set up the tally with a swift thrust inside tackle for six yards, followed by a four-yard jaunt which found McFarland three yards away from the scrimmage line and one yard out from the "promised land." Freasier sighted his hole again to smash for the tilt's only "teedee." Try for the extra point was successful with Ryan sending the ball directly between the uprights.

As for the remainder of the contest, the brand of play was rather slow and listless. Although the Panthers penetrated on three different occasions in the final half, their offensive power appeared sluggish, greatly lacking in the sparkling initiative their pugnacious predecessors possessed.

Playing top-notch ball for the Panthers were "Red" Martin, Jack Freasier, Maurice Clevinger, and Homer Ryan; while Ronald Curry, "Bull" Saunders, and Tommy Leadbetter displayed their wares effectively for the valiant Redskins.

Statistically speaking, the W. H. S. crew was head and shoulders above the Donna aggregation. This is best depicted in the figures that follow:

	Weslaco	Donna
Penetrations	4	1
First downs	13	2
Yards gained rushing	208	32
Yards gained passing	37	14
Passes thrown	8	5
Passes completed	3	2
Passes intercepted	1	1
Punts, number of	4	7
Punts, total yardage	104	251
Penalties, number of	5	1
Penalties, total yardage	35	5

HI-LIFE Enters State Contest Of THSPA

The Journalism Class has entered the HI-LIIFE and individual stories in a contest sponsored by the Texas High School Press Association, Texas State College for Women in Denton, according to Miss Louise Black, sponsor.

The HI-LIFE was entered in the division "best-page-in-local-newspaper." Individual stories and columns entered include editorials, news stories, feature stories, sports stories, sports columns, and other columns.

These contests were discontinued in 1944 because of the war but are being renewed this year. The HI-LIFE won first place in the state in its division in 1942 and again in 1943, receiving the plaques hanging in Room 2 of W. H. S.

Band to Broadcast November 15

The Weslaco High School Band will present a program of marches Friday, November 15, at 4:30 o'clock over KRGV. according to Joe Bellamah, director.

She: "Oh, Carl, there was once a time when you used to stroke my chin so lovingly. You don't do it any more."

He: "Yes, but that was when you had only one."

Hi, drips!! Here I am with more dirt and daggers to sling!

What's this? I saw PAT KEEN with ODELL "EDUCATED" GODWIN! Was the midnight show good, kids?

Flash! The date of the week goes to BETTY JEAN VOELKEL and MAURICE CLEVINGER. Some fun! No?

Well, well, BILLIE CROSBY had a date Friday night with C. V. JONES!

When stars are in BETTY JUNE'S eyes, it's usually because NORMAN'S names has been mentioned!! It seems that these two have found something in common!

The game at Edinburg Friday held some interesting admirers! Among them were DORIS POTTS and JERRY WAGGONER, JIMMY KELLY and VERENA RAINWATER, BALLARD and CARLENE, HAL and EMMA JEAN, DONALD and BETTY LEE.

Say, CLARA FAE, I thought you had a date Friday with an ex-student!! Didn't I see you with HOWARD?

BETTY BLANTON seemed to be having a good time Sunday night with JERRY WAGGONER out in his car!! How was it, BETTY?

EDWARD is still going strong after CAROLINE L. asked him to the G.R. Football Banquet.

RUBIN, how did you rate two girls? Which one did you take home first? The girls happened to be SUE ECCLES and PATRICIA DAVISON.

How come some junior girls didn't have dates Friday night? From what I hear, they had a good time at ANN'S.

Did I see ELDEN WREN with a bunch of girls Saturday night? HAZEL, were you in the front seat?

My, my, the way these girls go after the boys! Have you noticed how many girls have already asked their dates to the Football Ban quet?

The midnight show Saturday was enjoyed by a number of stag girls!! Could they have been in a little red jeep?

On to the Bi-District!

Yes, Panthers, we knew you had the stuff to beat those Redskins. How could you keep from winning? We have a good student body, an excellent school spirit, and some of the finest coaches in South Texas. Oh, by the way, Ed's physique was also there to help you win.

Although the game was not a very exciting one, it still furnished the spectators with a few thrills.

Seriously, though, we're proud of you, Panthers. You have become District Champions for the third consecutive year, something no other team in the Valley has been able to do.

Now let's take bi-district!

We Can't Squeeze Type!

Did you miss "From the Sidelines" in our week before last paper? Many of the loyal readers of this column were disappointed when they couldn't find it.

Last week several articles, including write-ups of the Little Broadway dance and the All Valley Band had to be left out, as there wasn't enough room—and type cannot be squeezed.

In every edition of the paper since school has begun, several stories have been omitted for this same reason—not enough space.

If an article is left out one week, it is revised and used in the next edition if possible. So remember—if you can't find a story on some school news, it was probably written but there just wasn't room for it.

Journalists Plan To Attend VHSPC

Approximately twenty members of the HI-LIFE and LA PALMA staffs are expecting to attend the Fall Conference of the Valley High School Press Association at The Bears' Den in Pharr, December 4.

The highlight of the evening will be the awarding of plaques to the first and second place winners of the yearbook contest. Third place winner will be given honorable mention. F. L. McDonald, Director of Journalism in the State College for Women in Denton, and two members of his staff will judge the annuals sent by the valley towns participating in this contest. Last year's LA PALMA has been entered.

The program will be furnished by various schools. Weslaco will present one number, which is in charge of Doreen Yoder and Ann Waller.

60 F.F.A. Boys Attend District Meeting

Sixty boys, representing ten towns of the Valley, attended the Rio Grande Valley district meeting of the Future Farmers of America Saturday, November 9, in Weslaco.

This meeting enabled district officers of the F.F.A. to teach the respective local officers how to carry on their work in their chapter.

Principal A. C. Murphy welcomed the group in general assembly. After instructions, the meeting was divided into sections for training.

General assembly was held again after lunch. There W.H.S.'s Little Broadway gave a program, consisting of two songs—"Detour" and "Taking a Chance on Love"—by the girls' trio and an impersonation of "Minnie Pearl" by Frances Hudson.

W.H.S. Council Is Preparing Constitution

Representatives From Six Classes Meet Regularly

Weslaco High School is in the process of organizing a student council, according to A. C. Murphy, principal. As yet there is only one representative from each of the six classes in the council, but the acting members are planning to add six more representatives soon. Those serving on the council now are Reece McAlpin, senior. Hal Potts, junior; Pattie Sue Shellhamer, sophomore; Katherine Cleckler, freshman; Charles Sawyer, eighth grade; and Tom Nicklas, seventh grade.

At present the students, meeting regularly, are drawing up a constitution for the student council. After reading another school's constitution, the council discussed it and got the general idea as to what school constitutions should contain.

The student council will act as a representative of the student body, and it is their duty to express the will of the students, Mr. Murphy stated.

The purpose of the student council is to develop an interest in school work, school spirit, and school pride. It will also try to promote a better relationship among the students.

The council is under the sponsorship of Mrs. V. C. Thompson, Principal A. C. Murphy, and Mrs. Fred Robertson.

At a later date the HI-LIFE plans to carrf the student council constitution in detail.

Six Weeks' Exams To Be Next Week

Six weeks' exams may be given by the teachers at any time between November 18-22, according to A. C. Murphy, principal. The second six-weeks' period ends Friday, November 22.

W.H.S. Places Eight In All-Valley Band

Eight members of tne Weslaco High School Band were accepted in the All-Valley Band in Mercedes Saturday, November 9. These were as follows: Two trombones, Carl Lobitz, first chair solo, and Rex Bledsoe, second trombone; one baritone, Larry Lehman, first chair solo; one bass, Robert Fields; one cornet, Jimmy Hill, solo; one trumpet, Tommy Pepper; two clarinets, Doreen Yoder, second chair solo, and Betty Neighbors, third; and one flute, Earl Lee Pike, first chair solo.

The Band rehearsed from 1:30 to 4:00 with directors from all over the Valley directing different numbers. Numbers played were "Lincoln Overture," "Crusader's Overture," "The March of the Steel Men," and the "Vanished Army March."

As They Are Sung In Weslaco High

Margie to "Red"—"Why Don't You Do Right?"

Hal to Pat—"Seems Like Old Times."

Ella Dean to Ed—"Give Me Five Minutes More."

Robert to Carline—"You're Always in my Heart."

Rosalie to Jack—"Who Do You Love, I Hope?"

Betty Jean to "Dizzy" Dean—"There's No One But You."

Emma Jean to Hal—"I Guess I Expected Too Much."

Donald to Betty Lee—"Surrender."

Bob to Mary Sue—"If You Were the Only Girl in the World."

"Scotty" to Ballard—"I'm Going to Love that Guy."

Betty June to Norman—"I Don't Know Why."

Ann to "Woody"—"South America, Take it Away."

Floyd McFarland to Kathryn Cleckler—"Rumors Are Flying."

"Red" to Jody—"Stormy Weather."

Ken to Zoe—"I'd Be Lost Without You."

Norman to ANY girl—"It Had to Be You."

All W.H.S. girls (who aren't going steady)—"In Love in Vain."

Ed to Gail—"Sweetheart of All my Dreams."

Ray to Pattie Sue—"This Is Always."

"My Kingdom For—" Not a Horse—Pants!

Strange lights began appearing over the campus last week as the beaming football boys spread the news that the football pants had arrived. The bright smiles showered joy all around until a second rumor also made the rounds of the gridiron heroes.

Soon after this second rumor started, there began to be heard certain uncomplimentary phrases expressing harsh feelings against such innocents as Coach Hester, the junior team, the manufacturers, etc. Dire fates were prophesied for these worthies, for this second rumor had been confirmed. The pants were for the juniors!

For days, Coach Hester and Mr. Murphy had to slink down the hall to avoid the irate Panther stalwarts. Finally, in a desperate attempt to restore peace, it was promised that the Panthers could wear the pants in the Donna game. Peace was restored somewhat, but the players still want their own new pants.

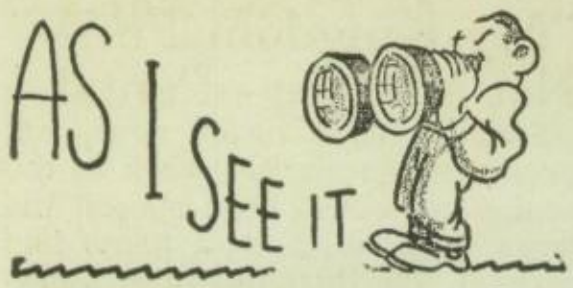
Chorus Broadcasts Nov. 12 Over KGBS

The High School Chorus under the direction of Miss Sibyl Fowler broadcast over KGBS Tuesday afternoon, November 12, between 4:30 and 4:45 in the auditorium. The entire chorus song four numbers—"A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody," Irving Berlin; "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," Jerome Kern; "Home on the Range," arranged by Guidon and Riegger and featuring Hal Potts as soloist; and "Ave Maria," J. Arcadelt, which was sung in Latin.

The girls' trio, composed of Ella Dean Barber, Loretta Shields, and Emma Jean Barber, sang "If You Were the Only Girl."

The announcer for the program was Jimmy McAlpin. Frances Hudson and Everett McAuley are the student pianists.

A traveler was driving through the Great Smoky Mountains and lost his way. Stopping at a typical mountain shack, he asked a small boy how to get to a certain town. He looked confused, studied a minute, then said, "I don't know. I'll ask my brother. He's got shoes. He's been everywhar."



Hello. kids. Glad to see your happy, smiling faces this morning! AS I SEE IT, things have been going this way—

Do you just hate to walk to school every morning? Don't you sometimes wish you had a car? Well, your problem is settled. Just do what some of those junior high kids are doing; get out your old rusty skates and skate to school. Very simple, isn't it? (Send all of your problems to me.)

Last Friday screams of merriment and laughter could be heard through the halls of W.H.S. from the direction of Miss Black's room. This is very unusual and occurs only on Miss Black's birthday. This year she thought no one knew and that there would be no disturbances in the classes; however. the students knew, and every class had a party with birthday cakes and everything.

Did you kids know that there are only 34 more shopping days till Christmas? Incidentally, it won't be too very long till we'll be getting out of school for the holidays. Sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

It is nearly time for those horrible demons called six weeks' exams to be rolling around again. Yep, next week is the week for book reports, notebooks, and studying for exams. Are you kids ready for them?

At last the Girl Reserves can plan definitely on December 13 as the date for the Football Banquet. It will be the grand finale to a very successful season, complete with a Football Hero!

You know, kids, I have the hardest time trying to bring you news in this column! If I hear anything new on Monday morning, it is always stale by the time Wednesday rolls around. What I'm trying to say is—we had a half-day holiday last Monday. See what I mean?

Well, kids, I gotta be going now, but I'll be back again next week—Look for me. Bye.

The highly favored Pharr B-Squad last Wednesday night went back to their den after their 19-0 thrashing by the Panther B-Squad. Pharr, confident of another victory after their 7-6 win two weeks ago over their Weslaco opponents, was outclassed and outplayed in all departments. Weslaco's stalwart backs were outstanding on defense, giving the visitors only two first downs, which they received on penalties. Outstanding for Weslaco were Tidwell, Carr, Thompson, and Block.

Who's Who In 40-A Conference

Teams	W.	L.	T.	O.
Weslaco Panthers	7	2	228	48
Donna Redskins	4	4	239	69
Pharr Bears	5	3	139	107
Mission Eagles	6	2	236	32
La Feria Lions	5	4	108	130
Raymondville Bearkats	2	4	89	102
R.G.C. Rattlers	1	7	13	361
Mercedes Tigers	3	5	98	128
Lyford Bulldogs	0	5	6	169

Schools to Dismiss November 28-29 For Thanksgiving

Weslaco schools will be dismissed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, for the Thanksgiving hoidays, according to Joe H. Wilson, superintendent.

Report cards will be issued Wednesday, November 27, stated A. C. Murphy, principal.

G.R.'s Plan Football Banquet for Dec. 13

Plans for the annuai football banquet to be held December 13, were discussed at the regular meeting of the Girl Reserves at the home of Glennis Adkins Tuesday night. The following committee heads were chosen:

Decorations, Pattie Schellhamer and Zoe Barbee; place, Pat Keen; place cards, Betty Jean Voelkel and Marjorie Rogers; dates, Jean Ann Elston and Donnanell Keathley; clean-up, Glennis Adkins, Hazel Hilbrand, Eva Mae Betts, Doreen Yoder, Frances Hudson, and Doris Potts.

Plans for other socials later in the school year were discussed.

Squarehead Squeals as Edinburg Squashes Brownsville's Squad

This week finds the Panthers' pigskin prognosticator sitting placidly by his camp fire. He gazes intently into the flames; and as his eyes dilate, we hear the following prophecy:

"The pressure has eased a little now. I have maintained a 78 per cent average for two weeks in a row. The 1946 season is almost history; however, there is still time enough to reach my 80 per cent goal.

"This week we find the following results:

"Edinburg 32—Brownsville 12—This is one of the most surprising upsets in the history of Valley football.

"Mercedes 12—La Feria 6—Pretty close, pretty close.

"Pharr 20—McAllen 6 — The Bears are the most improved team in the Valley.

"Mission 56—Rio Grande City 0—The Rattlers' record is slightly less than fair.

"Harlingen 16—San Benito 14— The Greyhounds may cause trouble yet.

"This went to press too early to include the results of the Donna game, but we'll cover that next week.

"As for the coming week, we find the following:

"Brownsville over McAllen—I believe the Eagles will come back strong this week.

"Edinburg over San Benito— The Bobcats are going to be tough, since they have a case of championship fever.

"Harlingen over Robstown—The Cardinals, too, have hopes of a district crown.

"Mercedes over Lyford—Yes, indeed!

"Mission over La Feria—I love to pick this kind.

"Pharr over Raymondville—Another thriller.

"That's the schedule for this week, and by now the jumping flames are but glowing embers. I'll be back again next week."

PANTHERS PLUNGE OVER REDSKIN GOAL LINE FOR ONLY TALLY OF ANNUAL ARMISTICE DAY GAME

ABOVE IS SHOWN big Jack Freasier, Panther right half, crashing over for the lone touchdown scored in the annual Weslaco-Donna Armistice Day game. The play, a line thrust, originated from the one-yard line and was the first of the second quarter. A touchdown was not declared until Weslaco had refused an off-sides penalty against the Redskins.

Rizk Makes Big Hit With W.H.S. Students

Solom Rizk, Rotary institute speaker and author of **Syrian Yankee,** held the undivided attention of the junior-senior student body when he spoke for an hour concerning his experiences in Europe and in America Friday morning in the auditorium.

Born in Syria before World War I while his mother was visiting in that country, he witnessed the destruction and devastation caused by the war. Although he spent five years trying to prove his American citizenship, he finally succeeded in reaching his American relatives at the age of eighteen.

"People in Europe pray for peace and freedom and at the same time destroy them both," he declared.

He said that American people are indeed blessed with the form of government we have and the freedom we enjoy.

Mr. Rizk's book is an autobiography. Although it has gone through twenty eight editions, book stores have been unable to obtain it, as it has been sold to the armed forces directly from the publisher. He donated an autographed copy of the book to the library. Students or teachers wishing copies of their own may place an order with Miss Jean Spratt, librarian.

Bearkats Slated to Invade Barbee Field Thursday Night

Weslaco Aggregation Victorious Over Kats Since 1941; Hometown Boys Favorites in Last Conference Game

To wind up their scheduled season, the Weslaco Panthers will meet the Raymondville Bearkats Thursday night on Barbee Field.

The Panthers, District 40-A champions for the third consecutive year, will be out to keep their slate clean so that they may advance to the bi-district tilt with an unblemished record.

The Bearkats are not considreed a serious threat to the Panthers, though they always put up a good scrap is their last game of the year.

The probable starting line-up will be as follows:

RE	Guess
RT	Clevinger
RG	Potts
C	Ryan
LG	Sawyer
LT	McLeaish
LE	Bennett
QB	Martin
LH	Jackson
RH	Freasier
FB	Cleckler

So far, the powerful Panther line has held all their conference enemies to no score, with the exception of Pharr, who blocked a punt to make a safety. The Weslaco aggregation will be at full strength and at the peak of condition for this game.

The Weslaco eleven, out for their twentieth consecutive conference win, will be spark-plugged by McLeaish, Cleckler, and Jackson.

"Would you give ten cents to help the old ladies' home?"

"What! Are they out again?"

Howdy, studes! Here I am again. Glad to see me? Don't rush me; the news, AS I SEE IT, is—

Just think, kiddos, next week we'll get two whole holidays. Although we will probably stuff to our ears, it is also a time in which we should give thanks for all God has given us.

The HI-LIFE staff wish to express their sincere thanks to the NEWS office for permitting them to wait until last Tuesday to turn in their last story. It was the write-up of the Weslaco-Donna game November 11.

Those kids in Little Broadway who are practicing their play, "Drums of Death" every afternoon from 4 until 7 are really working so that the production will be ready by December 5. They must get awfully hungry before it is time to go home.

Have you noticed the kids around the campus who seem to like seclusion and want to be by themselves? It isn't because they don't want to be friendly; they are probably studying so they can pass their six weeks' tests under Mrs. Robertson or Miss Black, chief slave-drivers of W.H.S.

Have you studes noticed that brand new flag proudly waving from our flag pole? Pretty, isn't it? The old flag was so torn and tattered that it was actually a disgrace for W.H.S. to have to fly it.

Last Wednesday the football Trinity University in San Antonio came to W.H.S. and expressed the desire to talk to all seniors who were interested in attending a college or university. Naturally our studes, continually seeking methods of obtaining a higher education, strolled sadly out of their dearly beloved fourth-period class. Incidentally, they managed to miss part of fifth period, too.

John Ellis: I love the beauties of the countryside.

Ballard: So do I. Sometimes I give 'em a lift.

Fibber McGee, Not Kilroy, Was Here!

Is it a booby trap? Is it Fibber McGee's closet?

No, although it may resemble either or both of the above hazards, it is only one of the innocent (?) lockers in W.H.S.

Now you'll probably say, "Innocent! Humph! With all those things toppling out on someone's head, you say it's innocent?"

After all, you can't blame the locker for being crammed and stuffed with useless junk.

"Horrible" wouldn't be the word for it if some poor stude happened to open your locker instead of his own and was welcomed with a shower of books and the fragrant (?) odor of last September's lost lunch.

Let's have a locker cleaning in W.H.S.!

W.H.S. Is on the Air!

Did you listen to the Choral Club's broadcast over KGBS last Tuesday? If you didn't, you missed some good entertainment. This was the second of a group of scheduled programs to be given every other Tuesday over KGBS until May.

Every club, organization, and department in school may sponsor one.

The success of these programs will depend partly on you, the student body. In a way you might be called the "twelfth man." You support the football team on the field, and in the same way you can support these programs by listening and encouraging other people to listen to them. Besides, they are entertaining and sometimes educational.

Since we do not have sound-proof rooms, the reception is sometimes bad. The programs are broadcast by remote control, from Weslaco to Harlingen, and there is some interference which cannot be helped.

When the Speech Class broadcasts next Tuesday, let's support them by listening to their program.

Ye old VACUUM CLEANER has really been workin' overtime this week; and when we emptied the bag, we found dirt and more dirt.

EDWINA, EVA MAE seems awfully interested in you lately. Could it have anything to do with your brother TOMMY? Could be!

My! EDWINA is getting popular. KITTY SUE surely has done a lot of whispering with her lately. I wonder if it concerns TOMMY?

ED FISHER was really having a good time Wednesday night. I wonder whom he was with???

PATSY and REECE were seen gazing at the show in Mercedes Friday night.

GLENNA "WOLF" HOLMAN was surely anxious to get home Friday afternoon so she could get ready for a date. I wonder whom she went with?

Whom has WOODY "LOVER" HARMON been thinking about lately since he has broken up with DOREEN?

We also saw KENNETH JONES and HAZEL over the weekend. Say, this is getting to be a habit.

I wonder if HAL and PAT KEEN had fun Friday night.

News has been received that CARL LOBITZ is communicating with a girl from Wyoming.

Say, CARLINE, whose picture is in your locket? They say he is from Philadelphia.

We hear that there is a third party in the BETTY JUNE BOLES and WATSON affair.

Whom does DOREEN want to go with now?

Say, we heard that "SCOTTY" and BALLARD have broken up. What happened, kids?

Is it true that CHARLES POLLY and EVA MAE BETTS were together Friday night? My, my.

Well, that's the last of the dirt. Guess I can start it up for next week.

Mr. Lovett: When two bodies come together violently, they generate heat.

Julius K.: Not always. I hit a guy once, and he knocked me cold.

W.H.S. Teams Scratch Mercedes B's 27-0

The Panther "B" team and Kitten team skunked the Mercedes "B" team 27 to 0 on Barbee Field last Thursday afternoon.

The first quarter was a battle between the 40-yard lines. The second quarter found "Wheelhorse" Waggoner skirting his own right end for the first counter. A pass to Norman Watson was good for the conversion. The half ended with the score 7 to 0.

The "B" team came back after the half and started off with a bang. Don Stout threw a bullet pass to Baldwin "Fleetfoot" Thompson, who ran 50 yards for the second score. Watson took a pass and made the conversion. The third counter came when Waggoner threw a pass to Marvin Moore, who sprinted 30 yards for the score. Try for point failed.

The Kittens took over and made an excellent showing against the Mercedes Cubs. The last score came when Keathley lateraled to Luna, who dashed 57 yards for the final counter. Luna went over for the conversion. The last quarter was scoreless for the Kittens.

Outstanding for the "B" team in the line were Norman Watson, Burton Tidwell, and Corky Block: while in the backfield sparkplugs were Waggoner, "Fleetfoot" Thompson, and Marvin Moore. In the Kitten squad Floyd McFarland and Frank Luna were outstanding.

Snacks Save Day At Play Rehearsals

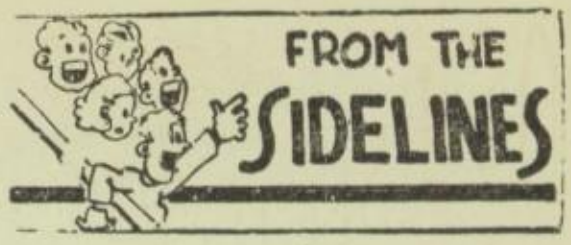
Have you ever tried practicing from four to seven each afternoon on a play?

This is what the members of the cast of "Drums of Death" and their directors are doing.

Because they were in the habit of dashing home and eating a little snack, (which probably consisted of enough for two meals) they were getting a "wee" bit hungry before time to leave.

Ah! but it didn't take long to solve this dreadful problem! They just have a snack during rehearsals each afternoon. When the snack is finished, it's back to work for everyone, but they don't mind! (or do they?)

Well, anyway, they can look forward to a good supper when they get home—and of course, a few hours of quiet study!



After their thrilling game at Donna Monday of last week, Monte Farina and "Red" Mitchell treated the squadmen and their dates to a Mexican supper in Reynosa, Mexico. The next night, Tuesday, the business men of Weslaco also gave the boys a fine barbecue. These events were appreciated by all that attended.

Co-captain for the Donna game was Ray "Bobby" Jackson. Jackson, a brilliant back, is noted for his long sprints and is a ball hawk on defense. Ray is playing his first year for the Panthers, but he is a two-year J.A.A. letterman.

Last Wednesday the football boys were measured for their jackets. The jackets are gray wool with a purple W on a white background. Ed McLeaish, Ray Cleckler, Ballard Bennett, Hal Potts, Homer Ryan, "Red" Martin, Jack Freasier, Donald Jenkines, Ed Barnett, John E. Sawyer, and Maurice Clevinger have earned their second year letters.

Those who will receive their first year letters are Ray "Bobby" Jackson, Billy Joe Day, Bob Guess, T. K. Thompson, Jimmy McAlpin, Robert Pickard, Jerry Waggoner, and Baker Osborne. Marion Rose, and Freddie Carr receive reserve letters.

The cheerleaders, Jody Farina and Rosalie Lively, and sweetheart, Marjorie Rogers, will also be given jackets.

Last and least, the managers, Norman Watson and Kenneth Sherry, will receive jackets.

McLeaish Wins In Sports Contest

Ed McLeaish, senior, tied with Frank Anderson of Brownsville in a football-game-predicting contest sponsored by the Brownsville Herald last Saturday.

This is the third time Ed has placed in similar contests this year, in two of which he won first place.

Ed, an active All-Valley football player, was awarded a prize of $2.

Energetic Studes Eagerly Aid Prof.

Bones creak, muscles strain, and moans issue forth from the unfortunate seven who were drafted into the grueling task. No, this isn't one of those silly Wolfrahundra stories. It's just an example of the overflowing love and school loyalty that swells in the hearts of the students of W.H.S.

C. F. Lovett, science teacher, was in dire need of getting the lid off one of his airplane motors to make a work bench for his physics class when the unfortunate group strayed happily into his room.

After a thirty-minute lecture on school spirit by the prof., the group gladly consented to help.

By the end of the period the tedious task was finished with only minor casualties. The north door was left hanging lopsided on its hinges, some plaster was knocked off the wall when Ed McLeaish's head was compressed against it, and several other victims had mashed fingers.

"Daisy Mae" Dance To Be Held Nov. 22

Little Broadway will sponsor a "Daisy Mae" Barn-dance Friday, November 22, to be given at the Stephen F. Austin School, according to Miss Anne Bauer, sponsor.

In order that students may attend football games in other towns since this is an open night for W.H.S., the dance will not begin until 9:30 o'clock.

Work Crews for Play Are Recruited From Little Broadway

The crews for the Little Broadway production "Drums of Death," a three-act mystery play to be presented December 5, have been selected, according to Miss Anne Bauer, director.

The crews are as follows: properties, Frances Hudson, chairman, Larry Lehman, Carlene Lobitz, Bondy Harmon, Ann Waller, Kenneth Sherry, and Ray Jackson; make-up, Kitty Sue Allen, chairman, Jody Farina, Dillie Nicklas, Barbara Crosby, Pattie Sue Schellhamer, and Patsy Martin; sound effects, Donnanell Keathley and Jim McLeaish; lighting, Reece McAlpin, chairman, James Forrest and Jimmy Hill; publicity, Doris Jean Potts, chairman, Ella Dean Barber, Doreen Yoder, and Norman Watson; house committee, Betty Robertson, chairman, Mary Ann Clifford, Carlene Scott, Betty Lee Crawford, and Pat Keen.

Who's Who in 40-A Conference

Teams	W.	L.	T.	O.
Weslaco Panthers	7	2	228	48
Donna Redskins	4	4	238	69
Pharr Bears	6	3	186	107
Mission Eagles	8	2	263	39
La Feria Lions	5	5	115	157
Raymondville Bearkats	2	5	89	149
R.G.C. Rattlers	1	7	13	361
Mercedes Tigers	4	5	159	128
Lyford Bulldogs	0	5	6	230

18 WHS Girls Needed To Make Ideal Co-ed

The other day our inquiring reporter decided to try to find the ideal girl of W.H.S. However, it was impossible for one girl to possess all the qualities necessary. This meant that the ideal girl would have to be a combination of qualities of different girls. Here is the result:

Hair:
Brown—Marilyn Skaggs.
Blond—Betty June Boles.
Red—Kay Kay Adkins.
Eyes:
Black—Patricia Ross.
Brown—Peggy Kirgan.
Blue—Dillie Nicklas.
Nose: Dolly Dibrell.
Mouth: Peggy Hull.
Dimples: Glenna Ruth Holman.
Smile: Rita Milano.
Teeth: Carlene Scott.
Hands: Martha Ann Knapp.
Legs: Marjorie Rogers.
Figure: Rosalie Lively.
Voice: Emma Jean Barber.
Pep: Doreen Yoder.
Personality: Marilyn McMann.
Wit: Loretta Shields.
Height: Any 5' 5" belle in W. H. S.
Lashes: Zoe Barbee.
Intelligence: Juanita Cantu.
Dancer: Carline Lobitz.
Disposition: Betty Lee Crawford.

Hubby was gazing at the burnt pastry. "What happened?" he asked.

"Oh," said his wife, "I think the heat made me a little faint."

"I see," he replied, "and everything went black."

Squarehead Rubs Rabbit's Foot, Hits 100%

Ah, yes! I finally had my perfect week. I was surely lucky, for the San Benito-Edinburg game was almost an upset.

My season's average is now 80 per cent, which is what I've been shooting for. Last year I had a sensational seasonal average of 85 per cent. If my luck holds, I hope to be able to equal this.

Last week's results are as follows:

Weslaco7—Donna 0—The Panthers overcame their third year jinx to win their third championship in a row, a feat unequalled in Valley football history.

Harlingen 27 — Robstown 12—A wild scoring game which the Cardinals won in the last quarter.

Mercedes 61 — Lyford 0—Even the Tigers can run up a big score against the Bulldogs.

Brownsville 12—San Benito 7—AFrank Merriwell thriller, which the Bobcats won with only two minutes remaining to play.

Pharr 47—Raymondville 0—The Bears will deal somebody misery next year.

Mission 27—La Feria 7—Mission seems to have lost a little of their spirit.

Weslaco has now cinched the 40A crown, but the 16AA will not be decided till next week, when Harlingen can win the crown by beating Brownsville or lose it to Edinburg by dropping the game.

Next week's games consist of the following:

Brownsville over Harlingen—Yes, it will be hard fought, but the Eagles should come through in a minor upset.

Robstown over Kingsville—Both teams play on again—off again ball.

San Benito over McAllen—The Greyhounds played inspired football last week and will be out to show that it was no accident.

Mission over Pharr—Confidentially, I flipped a coin on this one.

Donna over Mercedes—The Redskins always like to finish out the season by slaughtering the Tigers.

Well, folks, that's it. Be with me next week and until then—good footballing.

Barbee, Sherry Are Named Daisy Mae, Li'l Abner at Dance

Zoe Barbee and Kenneth Sherry were chosen Daisy Mae and Li'l Abner at the barn dance Friday night given by Little Broadway.

The highlight of the evening was the merry chase for a man by the girls. Ella Dean Barber and Ed Fisher were the first couple to come in, whlie the last couple to arrive were Katherine Cleckler and Duane Scott. Eva Mae Betts and Billy Mauldin were the last ones to come in who did not catch their mate.

The program consisted of a solo by Rubin Minton, "Doing What Comes Naturally;" "Detour" by the girls' trio composed of Emma Jean Barber, Loretta Shields, and Ella Dean Barber; a portrayal of "Minnie Pearl' by Frances Hudson; and acrobatics by Eloise Harrison.

Panthers Gulp Food To Return to Dear Old School on Time

Did you see several football boys coming into fourth period study hall late Tuesday?

Well, if you didn't, you should be very happy, because they were eating! A big juicy, shiny red apple was being devoured by Ray Cleckler, while Burton Tidwell greedily gulped down a large piece of candy before Mrs. Carrothers could catch him.

It seems that the football boys were just arriving at school from a luncheon given to them by the Lions' Club. The boys, eager (?) to get back to their classes, hadn't even considered finishing their meal before they dashed back to school; consquently, they brought food with them and silently (?) munched it in class.

Play Progressing Well, Director Says

Rehearsals for the Little Broadway production "Drums of Death," are coming along nicely, according to Miss Anne Bauer, director.

Committees for the play have been chosen and are now at work.

The play will be presented December 6. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Title Tilt Slated for Weslaco Friday; Fracas Expected to Be Close; Big Crowd Anticipated

Hise, Nelson, "Golddust Twins," Lead Jerseys; Mighty Front Line Shines for Valley Crew; Bi-District Honors Are at Stake

Embroiled in his third bi-district battle since his arrival in the mid-valley city in 1944, Coach Grady Hester pits his tenacious Weslaco Panthers, Valley grid giants, against the highly-regarded Falfurrias Jerseys, Kings of the King Ranch country. As this fracas boasts of two elevens of championship caliber, an overflow crowd is anticipated to throng Barbee Field long before game time Friday night.

Under the extremely competent tutelage of wily Grady Hester, head mentor in Pantherland, the aggressive Weslaco crew vaunts a glorious pigskin past. During his three-year tenure Hester has won three district crowns, two bi-district titles, twenty consecutive conference triumphs, and 27 wins to five setbacks and one tie against all foes. Moreover, the Hestermen have tallied 894 lustrous points to a mere total of 209 for the opposition. Because of these figures, the purple-clad lads of W.H.S. portray the most polished football machine in Valley grid annals.

"Rich in grid heritage" also aptly describes the barnstorming Falfurrias Jerseys. Under the able guidance of Coach Tollie McKown, a Hardin Simmins alumnus, they have won 17 victories against two defeates during his two-year regime. Riding high thus far in the '46 campaign, the present herd of Falfurrias Jerseys is figured to be the greatest in the school's history. Totaling 281 points, this aggregation has run roughshod over all foes excepting one—only the McAllen Bulldogs display a win in the season standing against the King Ranch crew.

The ensuing tussle might well be used as the yardstick to figure the proverbial time-honored question as to which is more potent—the indestructible force or the immovable object. Speed, sufficiently furnished by Lynn Hise and "Pug" Nelson, keynotes the Falfurrias brand of play; while staunch Panther supporters brag vehemently of their iron forward wall ,whose goal stripe has yet to be crossed by a conference for throughout the past two grid seasons.

In Lynn Hise the Jersey eleven display one of the finest climax runners seen in South Texas for many moons. During the 1945 pigskin scrambles the lithe Jersey scatback racked up 134 points, which was tops for this section. Moreover, this season he has accounted for 90 additional markers. To match the offensive brilliance of Hise, the Panther aggregation presents Ray Jackson, Weslaco will-o-wisp, and massive Jack Freasier, two dependable leather luggers throughout the regular season. Hal Potts, Ballard Bennett, and John Sawyer, sparkplug the scythe-like blocking of the Panther front line corps, which is so essential to the explosive T formation as employed by the Weslaco Squad.

Last year the potent Panthers earned the bi-district championship before a record crowd by virtue of their 32-6 blasting of the exasperated Sinton Pirates.

Harbour Extends Congratulations

Coach Grady Hester has received a letter of congratulation from B. F. Harbour, former principal of Weslaco High.

Mr. Harbour sent his sincerest wishes to W. H. S. for winning the district title and wished the Panthers luck in winning the other games.

There wasn't much dirt picked up this week; however, here's what there was:

CARLENE was with HOMER Friday night. Doubling with them were PAT and HAL. (As usual).

At the Daisy Mae dance were EVA MAE and BILLY JOE, KEN and ZOE, DONALD and BETTY LEE, JACK and MARY, PATTIE SUE and RAY, JAMES NELSON and KATHERINE CLECKLER, ED BARNETT and PEGGY BEAVER, SUE and RICHARD BABB, and NORMAN and BETTY JUNE.

Taking in the football game at Mission were MARGIE "SWEETHEART" ROGERS and HOWARD, JEN and RAY, and BETTY JEAN and "CORKY."

Say, we heard that ROSEMARY EVANS and BARBARA BLEDSOE were at a dance in Donna Saturday night. Who's so interesting there?

Who are the girls in Harlingen that have FREDDIE and MERCER burning up the highway between here and there?

VICTOR, HORACIO, and VENTURA were seen with some girls from McAllen over the weekend.

LORETTA and FRANCES had boys waiting for them at the half Thusrday night. Could they have been LOGAN GARRETT and BILLY EDWARDS from Mission?

JOYCE ANN KEEN was with BURLEY TAYLOR at the show Friday night.

DILLIE was with TED McCOLLOM Friday and Saturday nights. Why were you in so early Saturday night?

Riding around with MARILYN McMANN Friday night were LORETTA, FRANCES, and ANN. Did you all have fun?

The "Double S" gave LORETTA a surprise birthday supper Tuesday night. Spaghetti surely is hard to eat, eh, kids?

MERCER, I heard you dumped DOLLY and KITTY SUE FRIDAY night. Was that very nice?

JACKIE ALLEN was with RONNIE ACKER (Mercedes) Friday night and Sunday afternoon. (She just can't get used to these Weslaco Boys.)

"We'll Raise Your Name on High"

For the third time in as many years the Panthers have become champions of District 40-A. As they have in the past two years, the Panthers are determined to conquer their bi-district foe, this time the Falfurrias Jerseys.

"We'll raise your name on high" is a line from our school song. We have sung it many times, but possibly have never given it much thought.

Friday night we shall be able to show our opponents how great our spirit is. Let's be solidly behind the Panthers, the Band, cheerleaders, and pep squad and show that we appreciate the part each plays in making the game colorful and exciting.

Our school will be judged by the way we treat our visitors. Even though we hope to be the victors, let's send them home feeling that we are friendly, courteous, hospitable, and possess good sportsmanship.

It will be up to us to make a good showing.

Let's not fail!

Let's Keep the Old Custom

Do you know the origin of Thanksgiving? This holiday began way back in the year 1621 when the Pilgrims set aside one day to give thanks to God for the blessings they had received. The new land, the abundance of food, and the freedom in the new world—freedom to govern themselves and to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience were to them abundant cause for gratitude.

These forefathers of ours had none of our luxuries of today and few of the things we consider necessities. Yet they believed they should set aside a whole day to thank God for their privileges. If they were that reverent then, we of today should certainly show our thanks.

We Americans have more to be thankful for than any other people or nation, for we have never been on a starvation diet, had war machines destroy our homes and towns, or seen our families driven from their homes by bombs dropped with the intent to kill.

This Thanksgiving as our families gather together, let us all think of our many privileges, opportunities, and responsibilities and then gratefully thank God.

Football Review To Be Presented

A football review will be broadcast over KGBS November 2 at 4:30 p. m. by the Speech Class of Weslaco High.

The chairman of the group discussion will be Ballard Bennett, who will ask questions of the other members of the review—Jimmy McAlpin, Ray Jackson, Coach Hester, and Coach Henson. James Forrest will be the announcer.

"Do you let your wife have her way?"

"Certainly, and most of mine."

School to Dismiss For Holidays

School will be dismissed at 4 o'clock today for the Thanksgiving holidays, and classes will resume Monday morning, according to Joe H. Wilson, superintendent.

Report cards will be given out in home rooms at the end of the third period today and are to be returned Monday, Principal A. C. Murphy stated.

'Lo, students!!! Everybody feeling fine? Here's the news AS I SEE IT—

At last we can breathe a sigh of relief. Our six weeks' exams are over again until the next time. But wait—our report cards come out today. We know—you did the best you could. But was that good enough?

Say, our Panthers really ran over those Raymondville Bearkats, didn't they? Time will tell how they come out Friday night; however, the studes sincerely believe our Panthers will be the victors.

All of the Daisy Maes and Li'l Abners seemed to enjoy themselves at the Little Broadway Sadie Hawkins dance. Incidentally, Kenneth and Zoe were crowned Daisy and Abner.

"Mother, you musn't call me tomorrow. I'm planning to sleep until dinner is ready." This will probably be typical words spoken by studes tomorrow when our Thanksgiving holidays begin. All I can say is—Don't overstuff.

Have you kids noticed all the posters advertising the Little Broadway production, "Drums of Death"? If the play is gruesome as some of the posters look, it should be pretty good!

The Band were really on their toes Thursday night when they performed one of the outstanding drills of the season! They are now practicing for the marching contest at the Pigskin Jubilee.

College students, W.H.S. exes, will be coming home this week to see the game. Welcome home, kids!

Well, so long until next time! Be good over the holidays (ha-ha!)

"What will you give me for those jokes?" asked Emma Jean.
Bondy: "Ten yard's start."

Panthers Claw Bearkats 85-0

Hester's Men Score At Will; Visitors Never Threaten

The Weslaco Panthers, led by Cleckler and Jackson, swamped the Raymondville Bearkats 85-0 last Thursday night on Barbee field, completing the battle for district championship.

Cleckler started the slaughter early in the first period by dashing 35 yards to paydirt. Point was unsuccessful. Cleckler scored again soon after with a powerful drive from the 15. Ryan converted for the point. Getting control of the ball again, the Panthers worked it up to the Bearkats' 45, where Cleckler rifled a beautiful pass to Jackson for the third score. The point failed.

Scoring for the second quarter started when McFarland, a strong Panther back, fought his way over from the 15. Jackson kicked the point. A few minutes later Jackson broke loose and slashed through the line for ten yards to score. Try for point failed. Freasier, locomotive of the team, made the sixth score by plowing through the Bearkats to the chalked line. Ryan was credited with the point.

The Panthers were credited with three touchdowns in the thrid period, the first being made by one of McFarland's sprints for thirty yards. Point wasn't good. Jackson, who scored the second one by scampering 39 yards across the goal, also tossed a pass to Carr for the point. Jackon broke loose again few minutes later and raced 45 yards to ring up another tally for the Panthers. Jackson rifled a pass to Osborne for the point.

Baldwin Thompson, a "B" teamsman, started the fourth quarter by crashing over from the five. Point was unsuccessful. Again the Cleckler-Jackson combination worked when Cleckler shot a pass to Jackson, good for 45 yards and a tally. Ryan sent the ball between the uprights for the point. Shortly after that, Cleckler, one of the most powerful Panther backs, stormed 30 yards to register his third score of the game. The point was not good. The last score of the game came when Robert "six-inch line" Pickard recovered the ball behind the visitors' goal after they fumbled. Cleckler drove through the line for the point.

The Bearkats were outclassed and outplayed completely by making only one first down to the Panthers' 12. The visitors tossed 13 passes, completed 4, and had 3 intercepted, while the home town lad threw 7 and completed 5. The Bearkats punted 6 times for an average of 21½ yards.

Barbee Field is now the best equipped football field in 40-A conference and better than most 16-AA fields in the Valley.

The Weslaco Fire Department has contributed a score board and clock for the benfeit of the fans. These friendly gestures are appreciated by Weslaco and enjoyed by the people who attend the football games at Barbee Field.

Last Thursday night the Panthers got their spirit and their backfield combination, Ray Jackson and Ray Cleckler, coordinating and swamped the Raymondville Bearkats 85-0. The two Rays, Cleckler and Jackson ,showed that they are among the finest combinations ever to don the purple and white of Weslaco. When they were stopped on the ground and not very often, Cleckler would shoot a pass to "Glue-fingers" Jackson. This combination scored over half of the 85 points of the game.

Crawford, Cleckler Are Elected F.F.A. Sweethearts

Betty Lee Crawford, junior, and Kathryn Cleckler, freshman, were elected sweethearts at a meeting of the Future Farmers Tuesday night at the Agriculture Building.

Guests were the officers of the McAllen chapter, who were initiated by the Weslaco chapter.

Joe H. Wilson, superintendent of Weslaco Schools, talked to the group of the McAllen chapter, encouraging them to form a successful club.

Group singing was led by George Thompson.

Squarehead Mourned As "Muscles" McLeaish Performs Last Rites

The day is dark. Early this morning ominous clouds formed, and there was a slight mist for a while. But now a biting breeze has sprung up, and the sky has taken on a grey overcast.

This is, however, more than just a bleak autumn day. It is a day of mourning. Today the faithful students of W.H.S. bury their beloved Squarehead. For three autumns Squarehead has generously given of his amazing talent, but now he lies still in a purple and white draped coffin at the edge of a cold grave in his beloved hills of East Donna.

The services are finished, but before his lifeless body is lowered into the frozen ground, his last will and testimony will be read as requested by the Chief himself.

His readers, choked with sorrow, push closer to hear "Muscles" McLeaish, Squarehead's blood-brother and the only person ever found who bore any resemblance to him (that's no coincidence), read his last words.

They are as follows:

"Brownsville 26—Harlingen 20 —This was one of the most thrilling games in the history of the Valley.

"Donna 33—Mercedes 7 — The Tigers led the Indians for two quarters, but then crumbled.

"Mission 19—Pharr 6 — The Eagles put up a real fight to cop the runner-up position in 40-A.

"Kingsville 13—Robstown 12— Ouch! I missed that one by a single point.

"McAllen 7 — San Benito 6 — What did I do to deserve it? Another one missed by one point.

"These two games cost me my 80 per cent mark. Yes, two extra points kept me from my seasonal goal. I am dead inside, so I shall put an end to it all. I leave this world with a 79% average; however, I shall attempt to guess the two games on next week's argenda; and should I perceive the winners, I'll have my goal of 80 per cent.

"My idea of what will happen is as follows:

"Edinburg over McAllen—Obviously.

"Weslaco over Falfurrias — On past performances of Panther teams in bi-district play.

"Whether or not I get these right, I'll never know, for I am now going to depart from this world. I would do it by taking one of Miss Black's English IV tests, but that's a little painful, so I'll just stare at one of Coach Hester's bright bow-ties. Tell the Panthers of future years to take good care of my old friends, the Donna Redskins. Hail and farewell."

The service is over, and McLeaish flicks a tear from his cheeks. As Chief Ima Squarehead is lowered into the grave, perhaps Ed's memory goes back to the day when Ima was first found in an old roll of tape discarded by the Donna Redskins. He also probably remembers how the Chief saw the boys in Purple take three straight championships and how his average rose from 78 per cent the first year to 85 the second. The curtain drops on all things, however, and so ends the happy life of Chief Ima Squarehead, pigskin prognosticator extraordinary.

Wilson Attends Austin Conference

Joe H. Wilson, superintendent, attended a meeting in Austin November 15 and 16 for the purpose of establishing regulations for competition among bands, orchestras, and choruses under the Interscholastic League.

Previously, music contests were not held under the League; however, hereafter, music will be one of the subjects in which schools may compete just as they do in sports and academic and commercial subjects.

Five superintendents and five music teachers, representing various parts of Texas, were present at the conference.

Little Broadway Plans Dinner Dance

Plans for a formal dinner dance to be given January 11 were discussed at a called meeting of The Little Broadway Club Tuesday at 12;30 in the auditorium.

A committee was appointed to secure a place for the dance. This social affair will be exclusively for Little Broadway members and their dates.

New Students Hail From Many Places

Since the beginning of this six weeks, a number of new students have come to Weslaco from various places in Texas and from different states. These are, by grades, as follows:

Seventh: Martha Ann Smith, La Feria; Gaylord Lang, Sinking Springs, Ohio; Robert Smith. Howard, Kansas; Kathleen Geraughty, Karnes City, Texas; Dillie Margaret Otto, Austin, Texas.

Eighth: Jacquelyn Moe, Detroit, Michigan.

Ninth: Maurice Allen, Mercedes; Patsy Ann Cade, Kosse, Texas; George Biggs, Alabama; Eva Lou Smih, Mercedes.

Eleventh: Jacqueline Allen, Mercedes.

A soldier was talking to a native on Marine Island.

Soldier: I guess we're the first white people you've seen for quite some time?

Native: Oh, no, Mrs. Roosevelt went through here just a few days ago!

Dreyer Is Speaker For Roliki Club

A. H. Dreyer spoke on "The Roliki Club" at the Roliki meeting Wednesday, November 20.

Mr. Dreyer told what the word "Roliki" stands for: the RO for Rotary, the LI for Lions, and KI for Kiwanis. All three of these men's organizations are backing the Roliki Club.

In the future the Roliki Club will .have have an exchange program with each of the service clubs to tell the purpose of the Roliki Organization.

The club will take the concession stand for the bi-district game and share it with the Junior Class.

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Panthers Explode Powerful Attack in Last Half to Win 45-0

Weslaco Sets Two Records With Sterling Win; 40-A Boys Get Set to Try for Third Regional Crown in Three Years

After being held in check for almost two quarters, the dazzling offense of Weslaco's powerful Purple Panthers exploded; and when the smoke had cleared away, the Valley boys had won their third bi-district title in as many years by the one-sided score of 45-0.

Never before has a Valley team won three bi-district championships in a row in any class, and never has a 40-A team so decisively defeated an opponent in bi-district play. There was nothing to indicate in the first quarter, however, that the Panthers completely outclassed their cow-country opponents.

On the third play from scrimmage the Panthers lost possession of the ball on their own thirty-five yard line when a hard-charging Jersey line caused a fumble in the backfield. In turn, a Falfurrias back fumbled on the Jerseys' first offensive play, and the ball was promptly pounced upon by Bob Guess, alert Panther end.

From this point on, the battle see-sawed back and forth; however, another fumble late in the first period did give the Jerseys the ball on the Panthers' thirty-three. This threat was brought to an abrupt halt by a Panther pass interception

In the second quarter the Panthers started a determined drive but were unable to get into scoring position until only three minutes of the half remained. It was then that "Freight-Train" Freasier broke into the Falfurrias secondary on a cross-buck and was not pulled down until he had bulled his way to the Cows' 16. The Falfurrias line held for two plays, but on the third down Howard McFarland broke the ice with a thread-needle heave to left end Bennett, who stepped over the goal. Try for the point failed.

Exactly two minutes later the Jerseys were forced to punt. The bounding ball was scooped up by McFarland, who, behind beautiful blocking, set sail like an antelope for the goal, which he crossed with only 30 seconds left in the half. The try for point was again wide.

This seemed to break the back of the Jersey team, for when hostilities commenced in the second half, the 40-A team found it could make yardage at will, and lost no time in driving deep into enemy territory. Ray Jackson squirmed through the line from the eleven for the third teedee. Ryan converted.

The Panthers kicked off to the Jerseys, who shortly after were forced to punt. If, at this point, the Jerseys had any hopes of a victory, they were shortly dispelled by little Ray Jackson, who bounded around end for an 86-yard scamper to score. The try for point was bad.

The next score was set up by a Falfurrias fumble and came when McFarland sprinted around his own left from the 20. The kick was low.

Shorty after the fourth quarter had begun, Jackson intercepted a pass on the Jerseys' 23. Then Cleckler shot a flat pass to Red Martin, husky Panther quarterback, who hipped his way to paydrit. Ryan kicked the point.

The last touchdown occurred when fullback Ray Cleckler faked an end run, then dropped back and pulled the trigger on a 30-yard touchdown pass to halfback Jackson. The extra point was good.

Though the Falfurrias boys were outclassed, they never became completely demoralized; and by scrapping till the final gun sounded, they gained the deep respect of the hometown boys.

The Panther defense was remarkable with McLeaish, Ryan, and Potts doing outstanding work in the line, and Martin and Freasier doing a fine job of hole-plugging from the line-backer slots.

By winning this game, the Panthers gained an opportunity to become regional champions—a title they have coveted for the past two years, but have never been able to gain.

62 W.H.S. Students Make Honor Roll

Sixty-two students of Junior-Senior High School are on the honor rolls for the second six weeks, according to Principal A. C. Murphy. Of this number 24 are on the superior list and 38 on the honor group.

The seventh grade led the superior list with eight students and the honor roll with fourteen.

The complete list is as follows:

SUPERIOR HONOR ROLL
(All A's)

Seniors: Juanita Cantu, Reece McAlpin, Ventura Castaneda.

Juniors: Peggy Hull, Hal Potts, Mary Catherine Way.

Sophomores: Mary Ann Clifford, Sergio Garza, Peggy Ann Kirgan, Betty Jean Robertson.

Freshmen: Marcelino Casas.

8th: Caroline Carrothers, Mary Ann Dreyer, David Robertson, Gene McMullen, Charles Sawyer.

7th: Yunette Clifford, Kathleen Geraughty, June Smith, Eva Campos, Ninfa Cardona, Delia Gutierrez, Delia Hernandez, Elva Ochoa.

HONOR ROLL
(3 A's, Other Grades B)

Seniors: Glenna Ruth Holman, Patsy Martin, Jerry Waggoner.

Juniors: Eva Mae Betts, Margaret Kobeck, Marilyn McMann, Loretta Shields.

Sophomores: Dixie Jo George, Tommy Pepper, Betty Pitts, Patricia Ross, Elden Wren.

Freshmen: Charlie Cardenas, Kaye Clark, Otila Garcia, Everett McAuley, Francisco Cano.

8th: Jane Dibrell, Patsy Potts, Robert Joe Potts, Sue Thompson, John Womble, Marshall Wortham, Aline Henrichson.

7th: Saul Barbosa, Sarita Bailey, Sue Clark, Graciela Monteagudo, Lee Nicklas, Laura Jane Oehler, Jackie Faye Roberts, Donald Watkins, Thelma Woods, Teresa Lancaster, Domingo Cardona, Rufino Ramirez, Jimmy Swinnea, Julia Valadez.

Reece: I would marry Pat but for one thing.

Rubin: Afraid to pop the question?

Reece: No, afraid to question the Pop.

Greetings, Gates!! How are all of my faithful readers this fine Wednesday morning? Here's the latest AS I SEE IT—

Everybody should feel wonderful after that four-day Thanksgiving holiday we had last week. Of course, if you stuffed till you were miserable, I have no sympathy for you! Anyway, wasn't it grand to be free for four whole days?

Our Panthers just can't be beaten—or should I speak so soon? Anyhow, they certainly showed their capability when they ran over the Falfurrias Jerseys last Friday night in the bi-district game. Maybe the third time will be the charm, Panthers. We hope so!!

Although the Falfurrias Band went over their allotted time at the half last Friday night, the Weslaco Band was off the field by the time the players came back on. In order to do this, the Band had to leave out part of their drill. Needless to say, the home-town fans were disappointed.

The cheerleaders proved last Friday night that they are not to be outdone when it comes to giving a dance. Good work, gals.

The time is nearly here for the Little Broadway production, "Drums of Death." Come on, studes, let's support this club by going. Of course I don't know, but they tell me the play lives up to its name. Gosh!!

What would W.H.S. do without our ever-lovin band director, Joe (Bright Idea) Bellamah? It seems that Mr. "Joe" gets tired of playing "Hail, Hail" as it is written when the Panthers start walking away with the score. So to vary the monotony, he starts playing the tune as if it were a funeral march. Anything to be different. Right, Mr. "Joe"?

Have you studes noticed the new addition to ole W.H.S.? Yes, it's a brand new coke machine?!! Now if we only had some cokes—(We can dream, can't we?)

Well, it's so long for now, kids, but I'll be back again the next time—Bye.

What are you writing?
A joke.
Well, give her my regards.

Congratulations, Coaches

Today we would like to extend congratulations to Coaches Grady Hester, Buck Henson, and Martin Stuart.

When we speak of our great Panther team and how proud we are of it, we sometimes forget the coaches and what they do to enable the boys to bring laurels to Weslaco High.

A coach's job is one of the hardest in school. He sets the example of good sportsmanship for his boys to follow. He works out the plays, drills the team on these plays, and trains the boys until they are in as nearly perfect condition as possible.

For the past three years the Panthers have become bi-district champions. They now have only the regional game to play. And for the first time in years the Kittens have not been defeated in a single game.

These men are not only good coaches but Christian gentlemen who attend church regularly, belong to service clubs, take an active part in community projects, and sponsor school organizations.

In appreciation for these coaches and their boys, we would like to dedicate this issue of the HI-LIFE to Weslaco High's Athletic Department.

Which Type Are YOU?

There are four types of studes in W.H.S.

Mary is the first type. She belongs to Girl Reserves, Future Homemakers, Little Broadway, Science Club, Band, and Chorus. Somehow Mary never seems to find time to do her lessons and barely gets by.

Then there is Johnny. Johnny is the type of boy who **never** joins a school club or takes on a responsibility of any kind. Although he doesn't have as much to do as Mary, he never gets his homework either.

Another type is Jim, who doesn't belong to clubs, but he does get his lessons. In fact, that's **all** he does! He's the bookworm type—an all-round **drip!**

Last of all, there is Jane. Of course, there aren't very mnay like her, for she's a combination of Mary and Jim—and that makes her the ideal student. She takes her share of responsibilities and also gets her lessons.

The first three students aren't of much real value to the school. Mary can't keep up with her school work or with her responsibilities to all the clubs. Johnny is just plain lazy and doesn't get anywhere, while Jim is missing the fun of belonging to organizations. If the Marys and Jims would combine all their good traits to form Janes, we would have a school with all-around students. We need to support our school clubs in order to make them successful, yet we should keep up our school work too.

Let's all work toward becoming a Jane instead of a socially overworked Mary, a lazy Johnny, or a drippy Jim!

McFARLAND DASHES 75 YARDS TO SCORE SECOND TALLY FOR PANTHERS IN BI-DISTRICT GAME LAST WEEK

The above picture shows Howard McFarland, speedy Panther back, outrunning Bickers, Jersey tackle, for the second score of the game. The play originated on a Falfurrias punt, and the distance was 74 yards.

With this season nearing an end, Coaches Hester and Henson are already looking forward to next year. This year's season, like the past two, has been very successful. The Panthers have beaten Donna and won bi-district for three consecutive years and are hoping to bring the regional crown to Weslaco this year.

Next year's team will probably contain all the elements needed for another championship team. It will have an abundance of lettermen, most of them weighing over 150 pounds.

In the game with Raymondville a couple of weeks ago the Panthers showed their offensive spark Ray Jackson and Ray Cleckler, but last Friday night the team showed one of the best defensive combinations ever to play against any forward wall. Hal Potts, guard, Maurice Clevinger, tackle, and Ray Cleckler, defensive end, played the defensive game that every coach hoped his boys would play.

Well kids, ye old vacuum cleaner is here again to give out all the dirt it has gathered over the Thanksgiving Holidays.

A topsy-turvy party was held at PATSY MARTIN'S house last Wednesday night. Having a gay ole time were PAT and REECE, RITA and BOB HENDRICKSON, WOODY and CARLINE LOBITZ, JOHN ELLIS and "SCOTTY", JACKSON and JEN, "RED" and JODY, RAY and PATTY SUE, KENNETH and ZOE, and numerous other couples.

After winning their third consecutive bi-district title last Friday night, the cry in the dog-house was "Bring on Hondo!" The football boys hope to play the Hondo Owls for the regional crown. McLeaish, Freasier, Cleckler, and others who played on last year's team and lost to Hondo 12 to 7 want to play Hondo to show them that Weslaco is out to gain its second regional crown since 1933.

Students from S.F.A. To Give Program

The Stephen F. Austin Rhythm Band and students with harmonicas, under the direction of Miss Mildred Meek, will present several numbers in assembly Wednesday, December 11, during the fifth period, according to Principal A. C. Murphy.

At the dance Friday night SCOTTY seemed to enjoy the company of JIMMY MOYER. Tough luck, MAURICE!

Seen at the local cinema over the weekend were TED and DILLIE.

PATSY KEEN and CORKY BLOCK were a cute twosome at the dance Friday night.

CAROLYN CARROTHERS and BILLY MAULDIN have been going strong for a week now.

We hear that EARL LEE still has a flame for SUE THOMPSON!

Seen at the Drive-In Saturday night were JEN SCHRITTER and DON PANKNIN (Harlingen), and ZOE and KENNETH.

EVA MAE, after Saturday night, where was BILLY JOE Sunday?

Mission certainly is interesting, isn't it, EMMA JEAN?

25 to Attend VHSPC Banquet Tonight At Bears' Den, Pharr

Twenty representatives of the HI-LIFE and LA PALMA staffs, the sponsors, and the Girls' Trio will attend the Valley High School Press Conference Banquet at the Bears' Den in Pharr tonight.

Awards for the 1945-1946 yearbooks will be made at this meeting. D. U. Buckner, superintendent of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo schools, will address the group, and several schools will furnish the entertainment program. The Girls' Trio of Weslaco, composed of Ella Dean Barber, Loretta Shields, and Emma Jean Barber, and accompanied by Frances Hudson, pianist, will present two numbers. Ballard Bennett is secretary-treasurer of the Valley High School Press Conference.

Those attending the conference in addition to the Girls' Trio, are Doreen Yoder, Kitty Sue Allen, Ballard Bennett, Julius Knebel, Pat Keen, Ann Waller, Bondy Harmon, Jimmy McAlpin, Jerry Waggoner, Kenneth Sherry, Homer Ryan.

Peggy Jo Hull, Ed McLeaish, Kenneth Jones, Doris Jean Potts, Ventura Castaneda, Emma Jean Barber, Jeannine Bones, Dolly Dibrell, Hazel Hilbrand, Miss Marjorie Miller, and Miss Louise Black.

Squarehead's Voice Heard From Void Predicting Game

Chief Ima Squarehead can now relax and lie peacefully in his grave in the hills of East Donna, for with his uncanny skill in forecasting outcomes of pigskin battles, he raised his season's average last week to 80 per cent.

Edinburg won over McAllen 34 to 0, and Weslaco smothered the Falfurrias Jerseys 45 to 0, making the Bobcats and the Panthers champions, Edinburg of District 16-AA and Weslaco of Districts 40-A and 39-A.

Rumor has it that the faithful McLeaish, grieving over the demise of his beloved friend, Ima, heard the Chief's voice in the gentle wind blowing over the frozen wasteland saying, "Weslaco will play Hondo December 13 and win by a close margin."

Hester, Panther Mentor, Leads Team To Third Crown

Pictured above is the Panthers' football mentor for the past three years, Coach Grady Hester.

Since his arrival in the mid-valley city in 1944, Mr. Hester has chalked up an incredible record. Three straight bi-district titles and twenty consecutive conference games rank high among his many noteworthy achievements.

Coach Hester's football career, begun by his playing at Lott High School, included three years of starring at Southwestern Teachers' College at San Marcos. After his graduation Mr. Hester launched his coaching career, spending five years at Bracketville, two years at Mason, one year at Raymondville, and two years at Weslaco.

Literature Class To Broadcast Dec. 10

"In Search of a Feature," a playlet depicting the Old West in the days of the cattle drives, will be presented by the American Literature class Tuesday afetrnoon, December 10, at 4:30, over KGBS.

Characters in the skit are as follows:

The old ranchman, James Nelson; his daughter, Loretta Shields; ranch foreman, Hal Potts; reporter, Ann Waller.

Five Panthers Make All-Valley Team

Five members of the championship Panther eleven were selected for the two mythical All-Valley teams of District 40A at the Valley Coaches' and Officials' Association held in Mercedes Monday a week ago.

Those listed on the first string eleven were Ballard Bennett, end; Ed McLeaish, tackle; Hal Potts, guard; and Jack Freasier, back; while John Sawyer, other Panther guard, was named for second squad honors.

For Ballard Bennett, Hal Potts, and Ed McLeaish, this is the second year to be selected for all-district honors.

Players of the All-Valley teams will be guests of the Association at a banquet in Mercedes next Monday night.

W.H.S. Essay Contest To Have Cash Prizes

"The Campaign against Tuberculosis" will be the topic of an essay contest sponsored by the Weslaco Mothers' Club in which any member of junior-senior high schools may enter a paper.

Prizes of $5 each for the best essays, one by a boy and one by a girl, will be given. This contest closes December 20. Material may be obtained from the high school library.

Particulars will be announced in next week's HI-LIFE. This contest has been arranged by Mrs. R. B. Hankal, school nurse.

Physics Prof Tests Gravity Law—Bang!

Although Mr. Lovett should be well acquainted with the law of gravity, he became unacquainted with it the other day in Physics!

It seems that the drawer in his desk was stuck and wouldn't come out. He pleaded and begged with it, but to no avail. By this time he was getting exasperated; however, he tried once more. One big pull, and out came the drawer and everything that was in it down on the floor!

Oh, well, that's life.

Panthers to Tangle With Owls In Hondo Friday Night For Regional Championship

Weslaco's Power Will Be Matched Against Hondo's Speed as Two Good Teams Struggle For Coveted Region 10 Crown

In quest for their first regional title since 1933 Weslaco's torrid Panthers, South Texas gridiron giants, clash with the dynamite packed Hondo Owls at Hondo Field Friday night. With regional honors as winners' spoils, both teams have prepared diligently and should enter the tussle in top-flight physical condition.

Almost a year ago to the day a small group of disheartened Panther gridsters left Corpus Christi's mammoth Buccaneer Stadium after being robbed of Regional honors by an extremely slim 12-7 margin. In the dressing room following this hard-lost fracas, this cluster of grim-faced Panthers vowed vehemently that they would carry their grid wars to the "big game" again the following season. Sure enough, this sturdy Weslaco crew found themselves on top of the sectional grid heap once more and making preparations for their third consecutive Regional classic. Possibly an even more ironical development lies in the fact that the persistent Panthers grapple with the team that edged them for the Region ten crown last year—Hondo's high flying Owls.

No mean record has been tallied by the '46 edition of the Panther grid machine. Boasting of perhaps the greatest defensive forward wall in the school's history, the pugnacious Panthers have emerged from district and bi-district play with nary a "teedee" crossing their well-guarded goal stripe. Also prominent in the Panthers' pigskin agenda is their offensive prowess. Although the highly-vaunted Panther mobile unit often sputters or stops, it has accounted for 357 big points in eleven games. Freasier and Cleckler, two ace leather-luggers, create the fireworks in the Weslaco attack.

In Hondo's formidable Owls the Weslaco aggregation meets a rugged foe under the capable guidance of Coach Tom Bridges, who has done yeoman work. Since his arrival in the Central Texas City in 1939, the classy Owls annually have ranked high in Class A grid circles. No less than five of Bridges' teams have copped district honors, while two of these elevens have walked away with the Regional Crown. Unbeaten throughout the present campaign and fresh from a 33-13 triumph in their bi-district clash with Victoria, the feathered Owls wistfully eye another Regional championship.

As for the players of prominence, both squads boast of several. Bennett, Potts, Freasier, and Guess, Panther bigshots, lead the swift Valley eleven, while big Blanton Taylor and Silby Woolls, who have tallied 169 points between them, bolster the Owl offensive. Mueller and Braden display aggressiveness among the Hondo forwards.

In regard to the coming championship fray, Coach Grady Hester, head mentor in Pantherland, stated that the game should prove to be a hard-fought and well-played contest, with the Panthers having a good chance of sending a Weslaco victory in to the record books.

The 1946 season records of both teams are as follows:

WESLACO PANTHERS

Weslaco 66—Lyford 0.
Weslaco 65—Rio Grande City 0.
Weslaco 7—Harlingen 39.
Weslaco 24—Mercedes 0.
Weslaco 7—P.S.J.A. 2.
Weslaco 39—La Feria 0.
Weslaco 6—San Benito 7.
Weslaco 7—Donna 0.
Weslaco 85—Raymondville 0.
Weslaco 45—Falfurrias 0.
Weslaco ?—Hondo ?

LA PALMA Places Third in Contest

Sponsored by VHSPC

The 1945-1946 LA PALMA won third place in the yearbook contest of the Valley High School Press Conference, results of which were announced at the banquet held at the Bears' Den in Pharr last Wednesday evening. EL ESPEJO of McAllen won first place, and THE PALMETTO of Brownsville won second.

The hall was decorated with red and white streamers. The U-shaped table for sponsors and officers and the quartet tables were decorated with crimson bougainvillea and fern. The programs, in the form of a miniature BEAR'S TALE, school paper of P.S.J.A., contained news about the banquet, the menu, and the program. Dinner was served by members of the Pharr Press Club. More than 200 sponsors and students, representing the publications of eleven valley high schools, attended the meeting.

Awards for the winning annuals were presented by D. U. Buckner, Pharr superintendent, while President Sam Lester Johnston, Edcouch, presided. Other officers are Charles Myers of Pharr, vice president, and Ballard Bennett, secretary-treasurer.

Other schools which entered the contest are Mercedes, Harlingen, and San Benito.

Mary Ann Burton, Lynette Stahl, and Ballard Bennett were editors of last year's LA PALMA.

Motor and the girl motors with you; walk and you walk alone.

Mary had a little skirt,
So neat, so light, so airy,
It never showed a speck of dirt,
But it certainly did show Mary.

HONDO OWLS

Hondo 13—Texas Silents 0.
Hondo 14—Devine 0.
Hondo 20—Brenham 14.
Hondo 26—T.M.I. 0.
Hondo 40—Sabinal 12.
Hondo 19—Uvalde 0.
Hondo 24—Del Rio 6.
Hondo 40—Carrizo Springs 0.
Hondo 26—Eagle Pass 6.
Hondo 33—Victoria 13.
Hondo ?—Weslaco ?

Bellamah Directs Green and Gold Band

Joe L. Bellamah has been director of the Weslaco Band for the past three years. The Band has made steady progress under the direction of "Mr. Joe," as he is affectionately called by his students and friends.

Before coming to Weslaco, he attended Culver Military Academy, La Salle University, and Georgetown University, and was a member of the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra and of the World's Champion Boys' Band at Rochester, New York.

Author Speaks To Assembly Dec. 5

Miss Cleo Dawson, author of SHE CAME TO THE VALLEY and speaker for the Rotary Institute of International Understanding, addressed the student body in assembly last Thursday during the sixth period.

"Young people have many wonderful opportunities ahead, but they also have many difficult problems which they must solve" was the main idea of her speech. She particularly stressed the positions for the trained people of tomorrow in the field of aviation.

Miss Dawson is a former valleyite of Mission and was a professor of English in The University of Kentucky. She complimented the audience and the "beautiful little town of Weslaco." Holding the undivided attention of the students, Miss Dawson also related some incidents of her life.

Editorials

Good Luck, Band!

There are very few Bands in the Valley that can compare with Weslaco's. In years past Weslaco has consistently had one of the finest bands in marching and playing in South Texas.

The student body of Weslaco High has always been proud of the Band. The Band always helps to liven a pep rally and add color and spectacle to a football game. Wherever bands march or play, the Weslaco Band is always there.

Next Saturday night the Band will endeavor to keep its record. It will march in the Pigskin Jubilee, a contest held each year for marching Bands and the presentation of awards to Valley football teams. They will compete against some other fine bands from the Valley.

For the past three years the Band, under Director Joe Bellamah, has always won top honors in any contest; thus we can await the outcome of this one with confidence.

With the support of the student body, the Band will do its best, and the best is what it will do.

The Third Time's the Charm!

For the third time in three years the Weslaco Panthers have won the district and bi-district titles and will fight for the regional on Friday night in Hondo.

The fight against the Hondo Owls will be a tough one, but the same qualities that have pulled the hard-fighting Panthers through other tight squeezes will help them through this one. The team possesses those traits of fair play, cooperation, and dependability.

The loss of Ray Jackson is a serious one for the team in their last game, but the Panthers will play even harder to win now.

The twelfth man and the Band are solidly behind the team in its fight for the title. Many may not be able to attend the game, but they are still supporting the Panthers with all they have.

Come on, boys; let's become Regional Champs Friday night!

No School Friday In Jr.-Sr. High, Wilson States

School will not be held in Junior-Senior High Friday, according to Superintendent Joe H. Wilson. This is not a holiday, and it will be made up later in the year, Mr. Wilson stated.

Commercial busses have been chartered for the football team and the Band. The football boys will leave Thursday morning and spend the night in San Antonio. The Band will leave Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

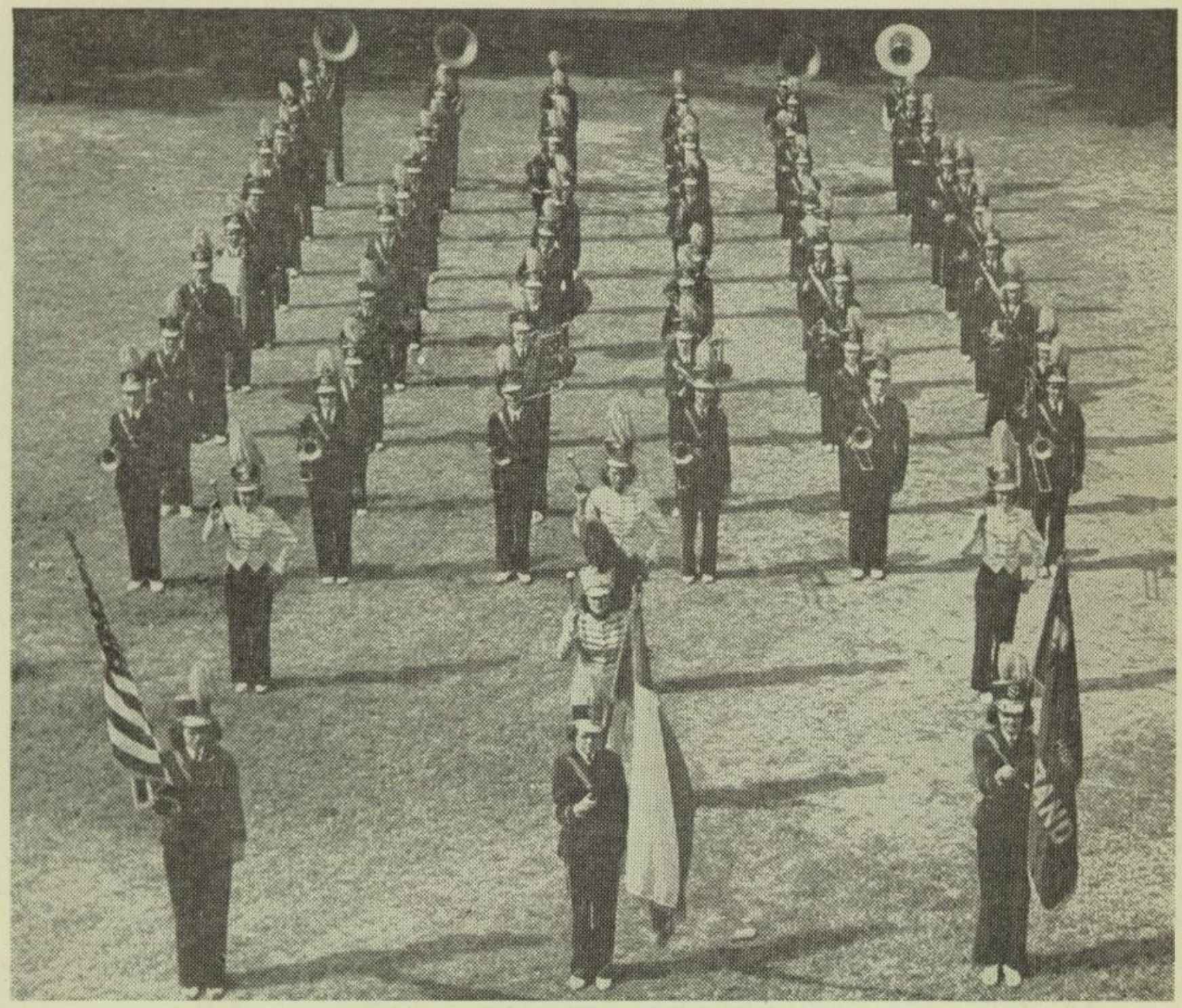
If enough students desire to go on a bus, the school will try to make arrangements to secure another chartered bus, Mr. Wilson said.

KORNY KORNER

The lady of the house was entertaining her bridge club when the pattering of tiny feet was heard on the stairs. She raised her hand for silence. "Hush," she said softly, "the children are going to deliver their good-night message. It always gives me such a feeling of reverence to hear them . . . Listen!"

There was a moment of silence, then shyly, "Mamma, Willie found a bedbug."

MARCHING BAND TO ENTER PIGSKIN JUBILEE IN HARLINGEN, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14



Approximately seventy students make up the green and gold marching band of Weslaco High School, which will participate in the annual Valley Pigskin Jubilee on December 14 in Harlingen. The Band will enter the marching contest and has hopes of winning honors in it. In the front row are the color bearers, Jean Ann Elston, Billie Janet Gentry, and Shirley Bullard. Drum Major Loretta Shields is between the first and third rows; and in the third row are the twirlers, Eva Mae Betts, Glennis Adkins, and Edwina Stanley.

Annual Pigskin Jubilee to Begin at 2:30

The Weslaco High School Band will again show its colors in Harlingen Saturday, December 14, by entering the annual Rio Grande Valley Band Parade and Jubilee.

The celebration will start Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock with a parade beginning on East Jackson Street, at Central Ward School, with all Valley high school bands participating in full uniform.

The Grand Jubilee, centering at Cardinal Field, Harlingen High School, at 7:30, will be a contest for marching bands. All high school bands in the Rio Grande Valley will participate, with drills containing the required movements. The grand finale will be a massed band concert composed of all Valley band members.

Approximately seventy members will march with the Weslaco High School Band in the event, under the direction of Loretta Shields, drum major, and Joe L. Bellamah, director.

Work on LA PALMA Progresses Well

Work on LA PALMA is progressing satisfactorily, according to Editors Ballard Bennett and Doreen Yoder.

Pictures of the Seniors, class groups, and organizations are being mounted and will be ready for the first shipment to Steck Company January 10.

Work is also being done by the art editors on the lettering, and title pages section of the book.

Choral Club to Go Caroling Dec. 19

The Choral Club will go caroling Thursday night, December 19, at 6:30, according to Miss Sibyl Fowler, director. After singing in the residential district, the chorus will give a brief concert of Christmas carols in the business section of town.

The group will then return to the junior high school cafeteria for a party.

Horrors! Curses! The Man Won't Talk!

Have you ever been kept in suspense until you were about ready to take desperate steps? If you haven't experienced this, you have really missed a great thrill! Members of the HI-LIFE and annual staffs were in this predicament at the VHSPC. banquet last week.

You see, the winners of the annual contest were to be announced. When D. U. Buckner, superintendent of P.-S.J.-A., began to tell who won first place, he stalled for time to keep his anxious audience in suspense. Meanwhile, everyone was chewing fingernails, laughing about it all, and anxiously waiting! Well, finally he decided to announce the winners! Of course, W.H.S. won a place, and twenty-four Weslacoites (Miss Black already knew) were relieved after all that suspense.

Patty Sue: "My goodness, that boy-friend of mine is trying at times."

Zoe: "That's nothing, mine is always trying!"

F.H.T.'s Sell Stickers, Plan Caroling Trip

Plans for Christmas caroling on December 12 were made at the regular meeting of the Future Homemakers Monday night.

Betty Jean Robertson played a piano solo and a duet with Peggy Kirgan.

Stickers to be put on car windows bearing "Weslaco" in purple with a white background were sold in town Saturday.

Five More Students Make Honor Roll

When the HI-LIFE went to press last week, the Honor Roll for 9III was omitted. It is as follows:

Superior: Paula Resendez, Mary Gene Wortham, Carlos Peralez.

Honor Roll: Nancy Ann Solether, Alex Westbrook.

The HI-LIFE takes full responsibility in the omission of these names and apologizes for the omission.

"Drums of Death" Pronounced Suc ess by Large Audience

The mystery play, "Drums of Death," presented in the high school auditorium by the Little Broadway Club Friday night, December 6, held a large audience in suspense and laughter.

The play dealt with the efforts of Thompson to seize a magic stone, which Mr. Bailey obtained from Africa, where he had lived with the natives. During the battle which raged between Thompson and Bailey, both men were killed; moreover, the stone was sent back to Africa by a secret service man, who later announced his engagement to Mr. Bailey's granddaughter, Miss Paula Bailey.

Celeste, an octoroon servant, was aptly portrayed by Emma Jean Barber. While in trances, she could predict future occurences, which usually came true.

Sheldon Harley, posing as the caretaker of Mr. Bailey's property, was convincingly played by Bobby Hankal. This Mr. Harley, whose real name was Gregory Sheldon, was a secret service agent for a European country out to catch Thompson, who was trying to seize the stone. Sheldon wished to send the magic stone to the rightful owners in Africa.

Julius Knebel, in the role of Jules, an antithesis of the conventional negro, was devoted to his "Massa Halh'ly" — Gregory Sheldon. Thompson had killed Jules' wife and babies; therefore Jules had a debt to settle with Thompson. Jules finally killed Thompson with the "devil's breath" he put in the cabinet containing the stone.

Mrs. Oakley, an apprehensive house-keeper of 45 years, was well portrayed by Shirley Bullard. She worried continuously and became hysterical about Mr. Bailey's disappearance and the drums.

The part of Mrs. Gillete was capably handled by Glenna Ruth Holman. Mrs. Gillette, a nervous, self-willed woman of 55, was highly resentful of the fake telegrams and wouldn't believe anything Celeste saw in her trances or any of the other "nonsense" at her brother's house.

Eugenia Bowles, the effusive society type, was depicted by Patsy McBride. She couldn't understand any of the intrigue and wanted to go home immediately when she found out the circumstances of her relative, Mr. Bailey.

Dolly Dibrill, who played the part of Amelia Gillette, the young granddaughter of Mrs. Gillette, was the typical American girl, always getting into trouble by her sarcastic remarks.

Kenneth Jones stole many laughs in his part of Newton Cooper, the county sheriff. Everything "Newt" did was done in absolute seriousness. Although the situation was miles over his head, he had a sublime faith in himself and his own abilities.

The part of Dr. Cameron, apparently a skilled medical specialist, was handled by Billy Ford. Dr. Cameron, who was really Thompson, came to the Bailey place to secure the stone by some means.

Betty June Boles played the role of Paula Bailey, a granddaughter of Mr. Bailey. In love with Gregory Sheldon, the secret service man, she helped Gregory as much as possible in solving the case.

Between acts Miss Anne Bauer, director of the production, was presented a gift by the play cast in appreciation of her work with the cast.

Panthers Upset Mighty Hondo Owls 20-13 for Regional Honors

Hestermen's Teamwork Superb; Tilt Offers Host of Thrills; Goal-Line Stand Brings Victory

The Weslaco Panther blitzkrieg corps, led by Howard "Scotty" McFarland and Ray "Country" Cleckler marched over the ever-fighting Hondo Owls to the tune of 20-13 on Hondo's Barry Field last Friday night to cop the Region 10 crown for 1946. By virtue of their hard-earned victory, the power-packed Panthers clinched their first regional laurels since 1933; moreover, they snapped a victory string for the hard-hitting Hondo crew that had run to 21 straight conquests previous to the contest.

No true grid enthusiast could hope for any more pigskin thrills, as this epic championship classic offered the capacity crowd attending every conceivable bit of excitement. Lengthy touchdown jaunts, bullet-like passes, blocked kicks, and obstinate goal-line stands displayed themselves brilliantly throughout the colorful contest.

Playing on the theory that the best defensive is the good offensive, the purple-clad Panthers held possession of the ball during the better portion of the first quarter. Five first downs were netted by the Weslaco aggregation during the initial period.

Scoring plays didn't develop, however, until late in the second stanza. Two quick, dagger-like passes from Weslaco's Ray Cleckler to "Scotty" McFarland swiftly changed the complexion of the tilt. A short screen pass along with a 32-yard scamper by McFarland accounted for the initial marker. Shortly after, this Cleckler-McFarland aerial combination worked again. A beautiful 30-yrd heave from Cleckler's talented arm characterized the second tally. The half ended as Martin plunged for the point.

Seeing visions of defeat, Hondo's mighty Owls came hooting back early in the third period. Their ace running back, Curtis Braden, broke loose from the mid-field stripe and raced through Panther defenders for the goal. This run, incidentally, was the longest chalked up against the sturdy Panther line this season. Blanton Taylor's attempted conversion was unsuccessful.

Via their famed ground attack, however, the Valley eleven struck back with ferocious force. Using Freasier, Cleckler, and McFarland to carry the brunt of the leather-lugging, the Weslaco felines traveled 75 yards to score. Freasier chalked up the six-pointer by plowing over from the Owl one. Cleckler fought his way over for the point.

Still persistent in their determination to win, the Hondo bunch came struggling back again. They marched the ball to the Panther 30, and from that point broke Braden, their alert halfback, through for another "teedee." Selby Woolls' conversion kick split the uprights to score the extra point.

With only a few meager minutes remaining, the feverish Owl forwards blocked a Panther punt and recovered the bouncing pigskin on the Weslaco 25. From there they drove to the Panther four, but the Weslaco line repulsed them at this point. The title tilt ended shortly after the Panthers had regained possession of the ball deep in their own territory.

By notching up this hard-fought victory, the '46 Panther grid edition gained what so many past Weslaco elevens tried so desperately to achieve—a regional championship. During the past two years the Panthers have possessed the bi-district title, but both the '44 and '45 squads fell a few points shy of earning the coveted Region 10 crown.

Although the Hondo Owls didn't win, they easily lived up to their press notices. Grit and determination, most admirably displayed in their savage bone-crushing blocks, keynoted their brand of play throughout the tussle.

Game statistics are as follows:

	Weslaco	Hondo
Score	20	13
Penetrations	4	3
First downs	12	8
Total yards gained from scrimmage	224	210
No. of passes	4	6
Passes completed	3	3
Passes intercepted	0	2
No .of punts	3	1
Total yds. from punts	52	35

Weslaco Band Makes First Division At Pigskin Jubilee

The Weslaco High School Band was rated in Division I, Class C, at the fourth Annual Pigskin Jubilee held on Cardinal Field, Harlingen, Saturday, December 14. Rio Grande City also made Division I, while Raymondville and Donna were in Division II, and Mercedes in Division III.

Harlingen was rated the highest with a Division I plus in Class B. San Benito and Brownsville were rated Division I, McAllen Division II, and Mission and Phar-San Juan-Alamo Division III.

Preceding the contest was a grand entry of all the bands participating; however, the Weslaco Band was excused from this.

Each band was inspected before going on the field to march. Vernon Mayfield and Irwin Driebrodt, both of San Antonio, judged the bands.

Following the marching contest, E. H. Potest, superintendent of Harlingen schools, introduced the All-Valley 16AA and 40A football squads. Certificates were presented by Weldon Phillips, coach of Harlingen High School.

"Thirteen" Brings Luck to Panthers

Though some may have stayed at home in safety on the fateful Friday, December 13, the Panthers were not so timid.

Thirteen seems to be lucky for the purple and white Cats. The first game of the '46 season was on Friday, September 13, while the last was on Friday December 13.

At the end of the first half of the game with Hondo, the score was 13-0 for the Panthers, and at the end it was 20-13.

Finally, it has been thirteen years since the Panthers have won a regional crown.

Who says thirteen isn't the Panthers' lucky number?

Program From S.F.A. School Enjoyed By Weslaco High

Approximately fifty Stephen F. Austin students presented a musical program in assembly last Wednesday during the fifth period.

The program was divided into four parts and a reading. In the first part the group sang "Shortenin' Bread," with John D. Garnett, in blackface, as soloist; and "Cielito Lindo," featuring Kay Leach, Sharon Henson, and Judy McManus as dancers in Spanish costumes.

The second part conisted of harmonica selections including "Billy Boy," "Five Minutes More,' "Old Black Joe," "O, Susanah,' "Battle Hymn of the Republic,' and several others.

Dolores Skaggs presented " 'Twas the Night before Christmas" as a reading.

Three sacred numbers, "The Lord's Prayer," "He Shall Feed His Flocks," and "Hallelujah," composed the third part of the program.

In conclusion the group sang "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

The enthusiastic applause of the student body evidenced the fact that the program was enjoyed by all.

After the program junior and senior high school students remained in the auditorium for a pep rally.

Faculty Enjoy Weiner Roast On Barbee Field

The combined faculties of junior-senior high school, Stephen F. Austin School and North Ward enjoyed a weiner roast Monday evening of last week on Barbee Field. The faculty of Stephen F. Austin School were hosts for the occasion.

Those present roasted their own weiners over a blazing fire and enjoyed hot dogs, potato salad, beans, onions, coffee, and doughnuts.

After a brief informal hour out on the field, the group reported to the auditorium of junior high school, where O. R. Scott, principal of North Ward School, showed the group a two-reel color film of scenes along the Pan-American highway and in various South American capitals.

HI-LIFE Wins First Place In Texas High School Press Assn. Contest Held in TSCW, Denton

W.H.S. Paper Pronounced Best Page In Local Newspaper for Third Time

The Weslaco HI-LIFE won first place in the page-in-local-paper division of the state contest sponsored by the Texas High School Press Association, according to word received Saturday from the headquarters of the association at Texas State College for Women, Denton.

This is the third time that the HI-LIFE has been state champion in its division. In 1941 and 1942 it received the honor and was awarded an engraved plaque in each case. Then the contest was discontinued because of the war and was revived only this year. As a result, the HI-LIFE is now state champion in its division for the third consecutive time.

The T.H.S.P.A., which sponsors the contest, held its conference at T.S.C.W., Denton, December 6-7. The five divisions of the newspaper contest and their winners are as follows:

Class A bi-weekly paper, Woodrow Wilson NEWS, Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas; Class B bi-weekly paper, the Q. M. of North Texas State College High School, Denton; weekly paper, the PANTHERETTE, Paschal High School, Fort Worth; mimeographed paper, DEVIL'S DELIGHT, Gaston High School, Joinerville; and page-in-local-paper, HI-LIFE, Weslaco High.

Names of winners in the individual contests—editorial writing, sports writing, features, etc.—have not been received.

Congrats Are in Order!

We are certainaly lucky boys and girls to be able to go to a school like Weslaco High. This year will probably be one of the best W.H.S. students will ever know.

Our football team has won the Regional Championship, the Band has taken top honors in the Pigskin Jubilee, and the HI-LIFE has won first in the state in its division for the third consecutve time.

We would like to extend congratulations to the Panthers and their coaches, Grady Hester and Buck Henson, who have brought to Weslaco the first regional crown since 1933.

To the Band and Director Joe Bellamah, congratulations for winning first division in the Pigskin Jubilee.

Since we hesitate to praise ourselves, we will simply say that we have tried to edit a sheet that would meet the high standards of the Texas High School Press Association, and we are grateful that our efforts have been rewarded.

Let's hope that every year can be as good as this one!

Loretta: I know a girl who swallows swords.

Frances: That's nothing, I know a girl who inhales Camels.

Well, so long until the next time and—be good over the holidays! (Ha! Ha!)

Jackson Named "Our Hero" by G.R.'s At Football Banquet

Ray Jackson was presented as the Girl Reserves' football hero by Patsy Martin, who pinned on him a white banner with "Our Hero" in purple letters, last Monday night at the annual Football Banquet held in the Cortez Ballroom at 7:30 o'clock.

The ballroom was gaily decorated with purple and white streamers hanging the length of the room. The door was cleverly designed with huge purple and white crepe paper drapes.

On the table, decorated with purple bougainvillea was a miniature football field with players.

The program consisted of the welcome, by Patsy Martin; response, by Ballard Bennett; announcement of the '46 co-captain, Jack Freasier, by Coach Hester; reading, Emma Jean Barber; piano selections, Bobby Hankal, and presentation of the "hero" by Patsy Martin, G. R. President. Singing of the Girl Reserve song concluded the program, following which dancing was enjoyed.

In addition to 37 couples of Girl Reserves and their dates, guests were Supt. and Mrs. Joe H. Wilsno, Principal and Mrs. A. C. Murphy, Coach and Mrs. Grady Hester, Coach and Mrs. Buck Henson, and G.R. sponsors, Misses Jean Spratt and Louise Williams.

Call an Ambulance! Step on It, Driver; We CAN'T Be Late!

"Who is it? I wonder if he is seriously injured?" "Oh, I can't bear to look."

Such remarks were heard around the campus Monday at noon when the Martin-Nelson ambulance came screeching to a stop.

However, the crowd was due for a startling shock. Instead of someone's being carried out on a stretcher, six Little Broadway members of the "Drums of Death" cast leaped out and hurried to their classes.

It seems that the group had given excerpts of their recent play before the Lions' Club. After it was over, a few were standing out on the sidewalk in their costumes wondering how they could get back to school without stopping traffic. When Mr. Martin came by in his ambulance, he was quickly hailed, and everyone jumped in. A few minutes later the group arrived at their destination, having had the unusual experience of riding in an ambulance and then walking out under their own power.

THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

We are very thankful for the fact that Christmas can never die—that is, if we realize the true significance for celebrating it.

One thousand nine hundred and forty-six years ago Christ was born in a lowly manger, and it is his birthday and the spirit he brought—"Peace on earth, good will toward men"—which we are celebrating.

Some of us seem to froget this when we talk about Christmas. "I can't get into the mood of Christmas" is a common saying today.

We may feel annoyed because we can't get just the presents we want, an abundance of lights to go on our trees, or sugar to make candy and cookies. In the past we have been used to these things and have accepted the idea that we will always have them.

Whn we look back in years past, our ancestors celebrated Christmas in a gay and festive manner without the things which we feel are so vital. They thought of the true significance of Christmas.

However, Christmas would never be the same without the odor of evergreen trees laden with glittering lights, the turkey dinner with all the trimmings, the voices of carolers singing "Silent Night", a jovial old Santa Claus, a beautiful Christmas greeting sent as a message of cheer to friends, father playing with Johnny and his toys, and neighbors stopping in to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We always get more enjoyment out of giving than receiving. It makes us feel good to know that we have brought some enjoyment to someone.

Let it always be said of us that we know how to keep the Christmas spirit. Let it truly be said of all of us, and as Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us, everyone."

Said the optimist jubilantly, "I say, I can see good in everything!"

Replied the pessimist, "Is that so?"

"Can you see good in a fog?"

Play Cast Guests At Party Tonight

Plans for a party to be held tonight in the auditorium in honor of the cast of "Drums of Death" were made at a called meeting of Little Broadway Tuesday, December 10.

The club decided to vote in new members at their meeting tonight and to invite them to a formal dance to be held January 11.

W.H.S. Sends Usual Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
Please send me a formula for keeping out of trouble in Band.
Your adorable hunk of nonsense, Hypatia Link.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me a little blonde that is going to school in Dallas. Her initials are S. W. and the name is Susanne.
Your faithful friend,
Homer.

Hi, Santa,
I would deeply appreciate it if you would put a pugnacious girl in my stocking that would adore my manly physique and mammoth vocabulary.
Your true believer,
Ed "Muscles" McLeaish

Dear St. Nick,
Send me another girl like Anna Louise.
Hopefully yours,
Billy "Give me a thrill or else" Ford

My Darling Idol,
I have just one request to make this year. Please teach my mother to speak English.
Your adorable servant,
Senorita Carolyn Carrothers

My Dearest St. Nick,
I would love to have Ernie Ford in my stocking on Christmas morning.
As ever,
"Glenna Wolf"

Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me a girl like "Rio". (For further information, see ah, "The Outlaw"!)
As Always,
Kenneth S. F. Jones.

Dearest Santa,
Please send Coach Hester some red dye for his hair. Some people seem to be in doubt as to whether he is a coach.
Love,
Coach Henson

Sweetie Pie,
Please bring my Tucker boy back from San Antonio.
Your admirer,
Carline

Santa,
I wish you could bring some certain McAllen girls in your sleigh to Weslaco.
Adios,
Ventura.

Chubby,
I wish you would bring my eighth grade flame back from Kerrville.
Thank you,
Mary Waller

Greetings,
Since I've already hung miseltoe over my fireplace, send Ed Barnett down my chimney instead of yourself.
Your darling admirer,
Mary Jo Bennett

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dozen roses.
Your darling,
Josephine

Dearest St. Nick,
Unlike Jody, I will be satisfied to get Four Roses.
Love,
"Red"

Santa Claus,
Please send a certain junior girl back to Washington so a certain junior boy with the name Hal will be free.
Hopefully yours,
"Emma"

Dearest Chubby,
Please make Woody and Ann reveal their secret romance.
Regretfully yours,
Julius

Santa, Ole Kid,
Please bring me a "Scottie".
Lovingly,
Ballard

Burton Placed On College Honor Roll

Word has been received that Mary Ann Burton, Class of '45, was on the honor roll of Ward Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee, where she is a freshman. Mary Ann ranked seventeenth in an enrollment of more than 600 students.

Mary Ann was salutatorian of last year's class, editor of the '45 LA PALMA, twirler and student director of the Band, member of Quill and Scroll, Choral Club, and Girl Reserves; vice president of the Future Homemakers, and outstanding student in English and aeronautics.

In the study of the Constitution Mrs. Hoge's eighth grade history classes are holding trials with clerks, jury, lawyers, plaintiffs, and others involved.

New HI-LIFE Staff To Be Elected This Week

As is customary, the Journalism Class will elect a new staff to edit the HI-LIFE during the second semester.

Next week will be the last week that this semester's staff will serve.

This semester's staff is as follows:

Bondy Harmon, editor; Ann Waller, assistant editor; Emma Jean Barber and Kenneth Jones, make-up editors; Peggy Hull, "As I See It"; Doris Potts and Patsy Keen, exchanges; Julius Knebel, Doreen Yoder, Emma Jean Barber and Jimmy McAlpin, features; Kitty Sue Allen, organizations; Ed McLeaish, Homer Ryan, Kenneth Sherry, and Jerry Waggoner, sports; Ballard Bennett, "Squarehead" column; Norman Watson, "From the Sidelines"; Ventura Castaneda, assembly reporter; Patsy Keen, Peggy Hull, and Ventura Castaneda, typists.

The new staff will be elected the latter part of this week.

Band, Choral Club Present Programs

The Band, under the direction of Joe Bellamah, and the Choral Club, directed by Miss Sibyl Fowler, presented a Christmas program last December 2, in the auditorium.

"Under the Double Eagle," by the Band, began the assembly. After the Band had played "Lassus Trombone" and "Old McDonald and His Musical Farmyard." Jack Freasier and Ballard Bennett, representing the Panthers, presented Coaches Grady Hester and Buck Henson with some luggage.

The Band continued the program with "Circus Parade" and "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite March." Joe H. Wilson then presented the Band with a plaque won by last year's Band.

After a few announcements by A. C. Murphy, principal, Pat Cannon, representing the Quarterback Club, gave Coaches Hester, Henson, Stuart, and Pickens cheques from the Club.

To conclude the assembly, the Choral club sang "T'was the Night Before Christmas" and led the student body in the school song.

Panthers Look Back to Perfect Season; New Records Set in '46

Team Boasted No Stars; Every Player Had Definite Job to Do—And Did It

By clinching their first regional title since 1933, the torrid '46 Panthers racked up a host of records and notable feats. The scoring of 377 points during the session and an 85-0 win over Raymondville broke previous Weslaco point-getting records.

Possibly the most noteworthy achievement accomplished by the local gridsters was the chalking up of their third consecutive conference crown. Moreover, this marked the second straight year that nary a 40-A fee could wriggle a "teedee" over through the highly-vaunted Panther forwards.

Much praise for Weslaco's Pigskin successes belong to genial Grady Hester and the remainder of the felines' coaching corps. These men worked hard throughout the season, but were more than rewarded for their efforts by gaining the coveted regional crown.

As for stars, the Weslaco crew had none. By following the Panther slogan regarding teamwork to the last syllable, every player performed dependably; consequently a successful season was the result.

Overcoming every conceivable obstacle, the purple-clad Panthers often took to the playing field with as many as three or four regulars sidelined because of injuries. This, however, did not daunt the courage of the pugnacious Panthers, who proved their true greatness by copping the often-sought regional title.

The season record for the Weslaco squad, champs of South Texas, is as follows:

Weslaco		Opponent
Weslaco 66	.....	Lyford 0
Weslaco 65		Rio Grande City 0
Weslaco 7	.....	Harlingen 39
Weslaco 24	.....	Mercedes 0
Weslaco 7	.....	P.S.J.A. 2
Weslaco 39	.....	La Feria 0
Weslaco 6	.....	San Benito 7
Weslaco 6	.....	Mission 0
Weslaco 7	.....	Donna 0
Weslaco 85	....	Raymondville 0
Weslaco 45	.....	Falfurrias 0
Weslaco 20	.....	Hondo 13

F.H.T.'s Observe Yule Season With Carols

Approximately thirty members of Future Homemakers and their sponsor Mrs. Jack Bain went caroling Wednesday night, December 11.

The group met in the Home Economics Department at 7:30 and from there went caroling in the residential district of town.

Returning at 8:30, the girls were served hot chicolate with whipped cream and cookies by the Advisory Council.

"Back to Old Grind," Sigh Sad Studes

The holidays are over (in case you didn't know) and now, W.H.S. teachers are vainly trying to reconvert the slap-happy students, who have been leisurely loafing around for the past two weeks.

Monday morning seemed to be a strain for everyone. The habits formed during the holidays—eating in the middle of the morning, short siestas in the afternoon, and no definite schedule—practically defeated the efforts put forth by the students. By now everyone knows that the teachers merely sat at their desks and dreamed of the Cotton Bowl and snow! What on earth is a student supposed to do?

Tuesday, however, everything and everybody was back to the old drag—school.

Did you hear about the little moron who thought he was Hitler? He was.

Why did the three morons put their heads in the oven? They wanted baked beans.

We know a moron who sat on a fruitcake and was electrocuted when he struck the current.

Goodness me, the VACUUM CLEANER has really been busy trying to pick up all of the dirt over the holidays. Naturally some of it slipped away, but let's open the bag and see what we do have.

To begin the holidays, a humdinger of a party was slung at ZOE'S in honor of SUZANNE WATERS. Among those taking in the festivities were HAL and PAT KEEN, ELLA DEAN and ED, PATTIE SUE and RAY, ZOE and KENNETH, and many more. The highlight of the evening was the race between HOMER and ROBERT PICKARD to see which could spend more time with the honoree.

Eat, eat, eat! Is that all people can think about? Come the twenty-third we found a buffet supper in session at WILMA WALKER'S. Some of those stuffing themselves were EVA MAE and BILLY JOE, PILLIE CROSBY and JIMMY KELLY, EMMA JEAN and BOBBY HANKAL, BETTY JUNE and NORMAN, and many more.

The twenty-eighth found DORIS POTTS and WAYNE SWAILS (This is getting to be a habit) and EVA MAE and DAN McCANTS taking in the Covered Wagon. PAT KEEN was there also with some guy we've never seen before. Where did you find him, PAT?

RITA MILANO and BOB HENDRICKSON must really feel "that way" about each other. They were together a lot over the holidays.

The disaster of the holidays was the breaking up of JOHN ELLIS and CARLENE SCOTT. BALLARD is such a nice guy, isn't he, CARLENE? And say, there aren't many girls in W.H.S. that had such a successful Christmas as "SCOTTY". With a sweetheart bracelet from JOHN ELLIS, a compact from MAURICE, and an identification bracelet and ankle chain from RAY JACKSON, we would say that that was pretty good.

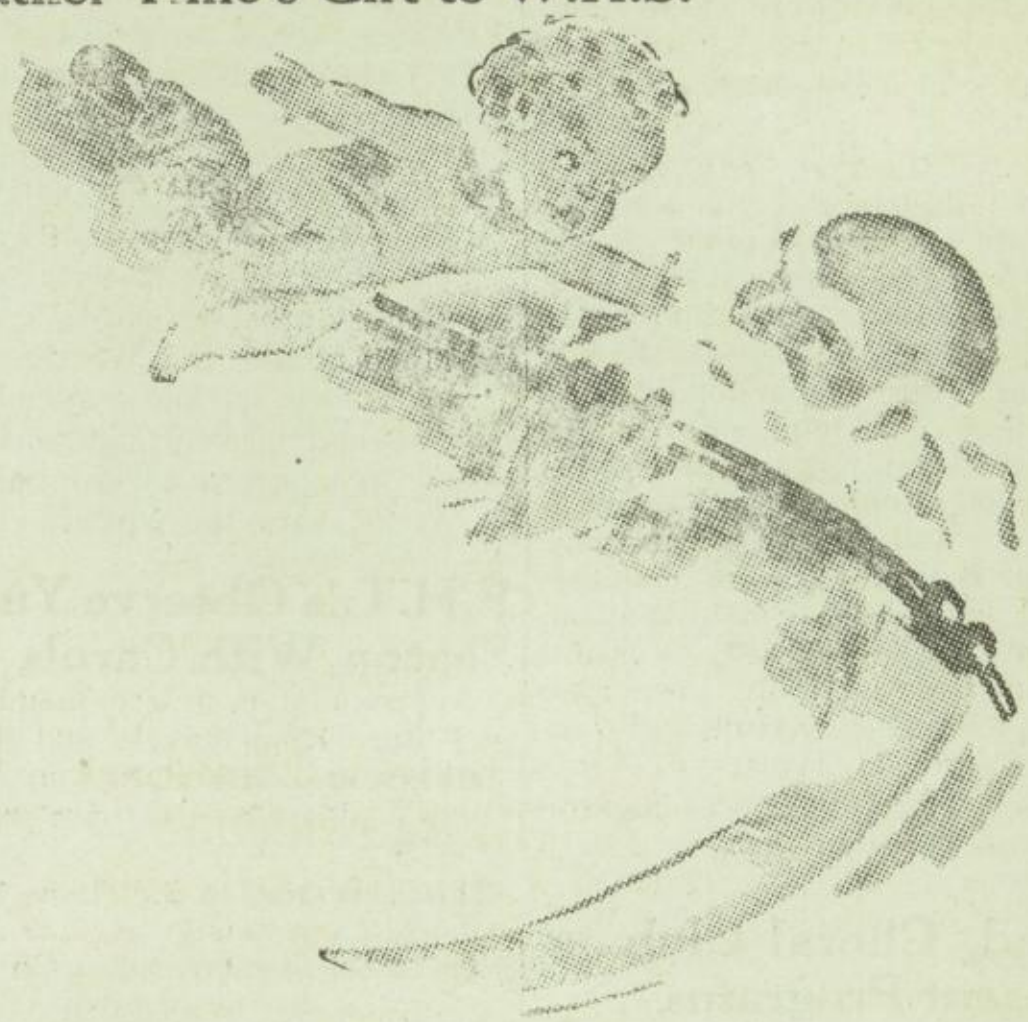
Running a close second was BARBARA CROSBY with two sweetheart bracelets—one from BILLY JOE JACKSON and the other from DICK SHERRY.

Say, ANN WALLER and ED FISHER made an unusual couple at the New Year's midnight show, didn't they? We might add in small print that that wasn't the first time those two have been seen together.

The Sub-Deb Club had a Mexican supper at BETTY JUNE'S last Friday night. From all reports it was one super occasion.

That's all for this time but there will be more dirt next week; so you had better lead a clean life!

Father Time's Gift to W.H.S.



Father Time has again recalled one of his children, the year of 1946, and in his place has given us a small babe called 1947, who has 365 days to live upon this earth.

As we look back on the old year, we realize that we have been very fortunate in having worthwhile things and good times in Weslaco High. We have had one of the best years in the history of our school. Of course, we made mistakes last year; but by looking back on these, we should be able to profit by them.

We have a whole year ahead of us in which to make 1947 better than 1946.

Since New Year's resolutions are in order, we of the HI-LIFE resolve to try to give you a better paper each week.

May we also wish you a Happy New Year!

G.R.'s Over Nation Light Candles

The Girl Reserves, active through the holidays, held a nationwide ceremony on Christmas Eve. Every Girl Reserve in the United States silently lighted a candle and put it in her window at 6 o'clock to commemorate the coming of the Christ Child. This link of candles served as a bond among the Y.W.C.A. members of the nation.

Various Complaints Received by Santa From W.H.S. Studes

Dear Santa Claus:

You did not disappoint me. (sob) Suzanne did come. (sob) But she is going back. (sob) Farewell, dear (sob) BANG!!!

Editor's note: In regret for the above tragedy we are forced to leave this letter unsigned.

Hi, Santa (you dirty gipper):

All Christmas Eve I stayed awake by drinking cokes and other stimulants, but instead of keeping me awake, they put me to sleep. When I awoke and looked in my stocking, I didn't find a pugnacious girl who would admire my manly physique and mammoth vocabulary, but in its place I found a **football-!** Dear Santa, how can I mugg with a football??

Regretfully yours, Ed (all Valley) McLeaish.

Dear St. Nick:

Hablas tu espanol? Yo estoy muy triste porque tu no le enseñaste a mi mama a que hable ingles; ella me enseno a que hablara espanol!

Tuya, Carolyn Carrothers.

Dear St. Nick:

In regard to my letter asking you for another girl like Anna Rose, I have but one favor to ask! Just when is the next Lower Slobervia-bound ship sailing? Thanks for the ticket.

Billy (give me a thrill or else) Ford.

St. Nicholas:

Since you didn't reveal Woody's and Ann's secret romance, I feel it my duty to do so. Just why is it that when Miss Black leaves her office, so does Ann? (But she loves it!).

Julius (Wolfrahundra) Knebel.

Dear Sir:

Regarding your promise to send Ed down my chimney—censored censored censored censored censored censored.

Indignantly yours, Mary Jo (Viddle de Vop*) Bennett.

Editor's note: Stahl came home. Need we say more?

*See LIFE, January 6, page 4, column 2, sentence 44.

Second Semester Not to Be Dull; Many Events in Offing

Since the football season is finished for this year, the second semester might seem not to offer much excitement. However, don't forget that the popularity contest, the senior play, the band contest. the Interscholastic league contests, and the junior-senior banquet are all scheduled for the second semester. It is too early to announce many of these dates, but the following may be named:

January 20—Second Semester Begins

February 28—End of Fourth Six Weeks

March 6—Report Cards Issued

April 4—Easter Vacation

April 11—End of Fifth Six Weeks

April 17—Report Cards Issued

May 18—Baccalaureate Service

May 19-20—Final Exams

Commencement Exercises

Thirteen Members To Be Added to Little Broadway

Thirteen new members were voted into Little Broadway at a regular meeting Wednesday, December 18. They are as follows:

Sue Eccles, Donald Jenkines, Ventura Castaneda, Juanita Cantu, "Red" Martin, Burton Tidwell, Ray Cleckler, Peggy Hull, Hazel Hilbrand, Marilyn McMann, Fred die Carr, James Nelson and Van Sidener.

Plans for the formal dance to be held January 11 were further discussed. The new members will be allowed to attend the dance.

Norman Watson was elected sergeant-at-arms.

A party was enjoyed by the members directly following the meeting.

Dear Santa:

My "scottie" must have been derailed or stolen (Should we tell him the horrible truth,) while in the process of being shipped. However, in regard to recent circumstances over which I had no control, it is OK to send me a retriever. Hunting seems to have fallen off, and I want to find any **chick** I wing.

Ballard.

Howdy, studes!! Welcome back to ye ole house of leisure and contentment. (in other words, W.H.S.) Are you ready for our regular Wednesday morning chat? Here's the latest news AS I SEE IT ——

After a two weeks' holiday, we all should be willing to settle down and really get to studying. You know, it isn't very long till those mid-term exams will be coming up. Don't you wish you had studied just a little bit during the holidays?

Weslaco High was well represented on the Upper Valley team at the Citrus Bowl during the holidays. It's no wonder the Upper Valley won. After all, didn't they have the Valley's champion gridsters on their side? (Meaning the Panthers, of course!!!)

The coming of the holidays not only brought Santa Claus and the new year to Weslaco but also a lot of our ex-studes and grads. We were mighty glad to see you, kids.

W.H.S.'s Purple Panthers left our fair city New Year's Day to see Georgia Tech and St. Mary's play at the Oil Bowl in Houston. Mighty cold, eh, fellows?

Say kids, have you noticed that sparkling new coat of paint on the senior high halls? Pretty, isn't it? (Incidentally, Mr. Murphy's office is really hot with that new coat of red, red paint!! Gosh!)

Say, studes, don't you think you have a super HI-LIFE staff? Now think before you answer. Last Saturday while you were probably sitting around doing nothing several Journalism studes were here at school in the cold slaving so you would have a paper today. There aren't any other classes that do that, now are there?

Well, that'll be all for this time, but I'll be back again next week—bye.

Love may be blind, but it sure finds it's way around in the dark.

20 Boys to Get Letters; Two, Reserves

Jackets, Footballs To Be Presented Also

Twenty boys on the championship Weslaco Panther football team will receive letters, it was announced by Head Coach Grady Hester at the Girl Reserve Football Banquet, December 16.

The names announced are as follows: Bob Guess, Ed Barnett, Donald Jenkines, Ed McLeaish, Maurice Clevenger, Jimmy McAlpin, Robert Pickard, Hal Potts, John Sawyer, George Thompson, Homer Ryan, Ballard Bennett, Billy Joe Day, Jack Freasier, Glen ("Red") Martin, Baker Osborne, Ray Cleckler, Ray Jackson, Howard McFarland, and Jerry Waggoner, Marion Rose and Freddie Carr will receive reserve letters.

The jackets, which will be presented upon arrival, are to be of spun grey wool with purple and white letters. In addition, senior boys will be presented with gold footballs.

Have you heard about the moron who thought the bed was too narrow, so he put on a bedspread?

Semester Exam To Be Given Next Week

Murphy Announces Procedure to Be Followed

First semester examinations will be given Wednesday and Thursday of next week, stated Principal A. C. Murphy, Monday.

Mr. Murphy announced that the first, third, and fifth period exams will be given on January 15, and second, fourth, and sixth period exams will be given on January 16. Examinations will be one hour and 30 minutes long, and students are required to stay in class the full time.

Students are asked to observe the following procedure:

1. Students will come to school only for exams.

2. Students will not be allowed in the halls while exams are going on.

3. Students who wish to change their schedules should do so between 2 o'clock and 4:30 o'clock on examination days.

4. Junior-senior high school students will not come to school on Friday, January 17, as that is teachers' grading day.

5. Stephen F. Austin and North Ward students will attend school on the nineteenth??????

The basketball team, led by Jimmy "Basket" Waggoner and Jimmy "Beanpole" Kelly are out to avenge their "one game win" season last year. Last year they won one game, from Donna, which made them feel better. The team has an abundance of lettermen, with plentiful experience.

It is rumored that the lettermen coming back to play another year for the Panthers are afraid to play in the Junior-Senior game. This tussle will be played in about two months, but the seniors have spread rumors of a potential T. N. T. back. Bondy "Killer" Harmon, arch enemy of Ed McLeaish, is the Senior hope of a win.

The Panthers, during their trip to Houston, led by Ray "Tine" Cleckler and Donald "Demolisher" Jenkines, almost demolished the Rice Hotel in Houston. Owing to their big hearts, however, Ray and Donald left the structure standing. Upon leaving, Donald tried to carry off an elevator operator, but couldn't find room for **her** in his baggage.

THEY MADE 'EM—WILL THEY KEEP THEM?

Marilyn McMann—I resolve to find out the difference between Oedogenium, Wothrix, and Gleocapsa.

Betty Neighbors—I resolve to quit annoying the studes in Band.

Coach Hester—I solemnly resolve to build a fence around all my football boys next year.

Marjorie Rogers—I resolve to stay in my own hotel room if we take another trip next year.

Robert Joe Potts—I resolve to start on my diet January 31, at twelve midnight.

Louis (Ogie) Heathcock—I resolve to eat more wheaties this coming year.

Mrs. Carrothers—I resolve to buy a larger supply of chalk so that I can throw more in my fifth period Spanish Class.

Carlene Scott—I resolve to go steady just ten times this coming year.

Mrs. Robertson — I resolve to find a route to Podunk.

Kenneth Sherry — I resolve never to sleep with McFarland, Pickard, or Day again as long as I live.

Julius Knebel—I resolve to get a date for the Jr.-Sr. banquet this year.

Bob Guess—I resolve to spend more of my time with Mary Sue now that football is over.

Norman Watson—I resolve to get me a larger jacket when I go into a store.

Ed McLeaish—I resolve not to go up town in my Catalina bathing suit and show off my manly physique.

Miss Black—I resolve to heed my ex-students' advice and "pour it on."

Bobby Ray "Little Brother" Jackson—I resolve to stay as far away from a hospital as I can.

Mr. Murphy—I resolve to keep my new red floor nice and shiny.

Reece McAlpin—I resolve not to take Patsy out more than four times a week.

Doreen Yoder—I resolve to be at school on time every day.

James Forrest—I resolve not to be such a pest.

Ballard Bennett—I resolve to keep my "Scottie" and not let it run away.

Jen Schritter—I resolve to keep thinking of horses and Oklahoma.

HAPPY TIMES IN W.H.S. RECALLED BY PICTURES

The above pictures symbolize the many good times W.H.S. studes have had the first semester. From now on, these can only be called memories.

The cheer leaders—Rosalie Lively, Marjorie Rogers, Betty Jean Voelkel, and Jody Farina—revive memories of some wonderful and historic games. Drum Major Loretta Shields reminds W.H.S. of the important and colorful part the Band played in every football game.

The scene from the annual Girl Reserve Football banquet shows the hard-working Panthers in one of their moments of relaxation.

Panther Cagers Get Off to Good Start

The Weslaco Cagers started the basket season in good style Monday, January 6, by defeating Stuart Place 36 to 17.

Although the Weslaco boys hadn't had over three or four good work-outs before the game, they showed plenty of spirit and teamwork, which won the game.

Jerry Waggoner, a veteran of last year's team, is an excellent shot with the ball and is at present high point man.

Other veterans of last year's team are Bob Guess, Homer Ryan, Hal Potts, Jimmie Kelly, and Red Martin. Other boys reporting for their first year are Billy Joe Day, Roger Fike, Ray Cleckler, and James Forrest.

Palmer New Member Of W.H.S. Faculty

A new member has been added to Weslaco Junior-Senior High School faculty to take care of one section of the sixth grade which has been transferred to the Junior High because of crowded conditions in the Stephen F. Austin school, according to Joe H. Wilson, Superintendent.

The instructor is Marvin "Mike" E. Palmer, who attended Edinburg Junior College and Texas College of Arts and Industries and who has a B. S. degree.

When asked for a comment on the school, Mr. Palmer, without a moment's hesitation, replied, "I think it's a wonderful school and a very friendly one, too."

Speech Class Holds Interview Program

"Students on the Campus" was the subject of the broadcast over KGBS by the Speech class Tuesday, January 7, in the Junior High auditorium.

Dillie Nicklas acted as mistress of ceremonies and interviewed students and teachers on their views of student activities, general campus behavior of the student body, and plans by students after graduation.

Twelve students and teachers participated in this program: Jody Farina, Rosalie Lively, Oralia Morales, Viola Villarreal, Glenna Ruth Holman, Ballard Bennett, Jimmy McAlpin, Patsy McBride, Eloise Harrison, Principal A. C. Murphy, and Misses Anne Bauer and Jean Spratt.

WHS Voc. Ag. Team Places 2nd In Judging

Nelson, McWhorter, Thompson Score 1,080 Points

The Weslaco High School judging team, composed of James Nelson, Charles McWhorter, and George Thompson, won second place in the second Valley Vegetable Show held at the Model Lynn Citrus Groves plant between Pharr and San Juan last Friday and Saturday. The boys had 1,080 points out of a possible 1,200. The Pharr-San Juan-Alamo team won first place, with 1,095 points, and the McAllen team third, with 1,035.

In the student exhibits of vegetables Charles McWhorter, of the Weslaco group, won second place in turnips and third in eggplant and green tomatoes; Russell Vos won second in broccoli and George Thompson third; Raymond Smithy placed third in green peppers and fourth in green tomatoes; and Pat Klag first in freak vegetables.

W.H.S. vocational agriculture boys, accompanied by their instructor, H. M. Smith, attended the show, which was sponsored by the Pharr Chamber of Commerce. Approximately five thousand people visited the two-day exhibit.

18 LA PALMA Pages Sent to Steck Co.

Eighteen pages of LA PALMA were sent to Steck Company last week, according to Ballard Bennett, editor.

The pages are as follows: title page, table of contents, five pages of snapshots; group pictures of sophomores, freshmen, eighth and seventh grades; officers of the Junior and Senior Classes; Choral Club, Band, and scenes from the air of the campus and buildings.

A cover design was recently chosen by the annual staff. The next shipment of copy will be sent February 7.

"Adios and 30"

Since this is the final edition of this semester's HI-LIFE, we, the editors, would like to thank you, the students of Weslaco High, for your support of the paper.

We have attempted to give you a sheet which is both interesting and accurate and which reflects the spirit of Weslaco High.

We have also tried to publish a paper which would be of interest to the ex-students of W.H.S., and their comments have been favorable.

It is with sincere appreciation and regret that we leave our positions as editors.

We wish the new editors the best of luck and hope that they will enjoy their work as much as we did ours.

BONDY HARMON and ANN WALLER

Among Our Memories

With the second semester in sight, we can now look back on the activities carried on during the first half of this school year.

The first semester of 1946-47 will be remembered in Weslaco High School history for many reasons. Not only did the Panthers gain the title of Regional Champs, but the HI-LIFE won the honor of being the best page in a local paper in the state, and the Band won first division in a Valley-wide marching contest.

Many school socials will be long remembered—the dances sponsored by Little Broadway, the football banquet given by the Girl Reserves, the supper in Reynosa after the Donna game for the football boys and their dates, and numerous others.

Other groups have been active in their indiivdual ways, too. Nearly all the clubs have had the concession stand at least once. The Rolikis gave a very successful hayride, the Science Club entertained with a buffet supper and dance, the Future Homemakers had their annual tea, and the F.F.A. held a weiner roast.

Sweethearts were elected for the football team, the F.F.A., and the Future Homemakers, while the Girl Reserves elected a football hero.

With the thought of so much fun just a memory now, we enter the second semester ready to do new things and looking forward to many more good times.

Panthers Cagers Lose in La Feria Tournament

The Panther Cagers were eliminated from the Feria Tournament Friday night when the Mercedes Tigers defeated them 31-13. Since this was double elimination and the Panthers had previously been beaten by the Harlingen Cardinals, the Panthers were out of the tournament.

The first game was played last Wednesday night at the Mercedes Gym. The Purple Panthers beat the Donna Redskins in a 23-14 turn out.

The second game was played the following Thursday night at the H.A.A.F. field house. The Panthers were taken for a 34-10 beating by the Harlingen Cardinals.

The following night the Panther Cagers went into action with the Rio Grande Rattlers. At the end of the game the score was 18-18, so the game had to be extended three minutes to get a winner. The game ended with a 21-20 score in favor of Weslaco.

The final game was played between the Panthers and the Mercedes Tigers. The game ended with a score of 31-13 for the Mercedes Tigers.

Band to Receive New Uniforms

The Weslaco High School Band will receive new uniforms some time this week. Sample uniforms arrived last week.

They will be the same color and made exactly like the old ones. If possible, the Band will order white gloves for marching.

The purchase of the uniforms was made possible through contributions from Band Parents and the School Board.

The Panther cagers, led by Jerry "Basket" Waggoner, have shown their ability to play basketball by winning their first two games. Their first defeat was at the hands of the strong Harlingen cagers. Although they were defeated, the score showed that they were out there fighting. The score was 34 to 14.

Outstanding new members of Weslaco "purple and white" Panthers are Ray Cleckler and Bob Guess. These two boys have shown considerable improvement during the past weeks.

The Region 10 champions, the Weslaco Panthers, were treated to a champion barbecue by O. F. McFarland and J. C. Hill at the McFarland home Sunday evening.

Red Martin and Donald Jenkines took top eating honors. The hospitality was enjoyed by all that attended.

Pat Keen: Can you type?

Ann Waller: Well, I use the old Columbus system.

Pat: What's that?

Ann: I discover a key, land on it, and then thank God.

Little Broadway Dance Pronounced Lovely Affair

Approximately forty couples enjoyed dancing amidst beautiful "Deep Purple" decorations at the Little Broadway formal dance last Saturday night in the Stephen F. Austin auditorium.

Purple and white crepe paper was strung from the chandelier to the walls on either side, while lovely floral arrangements of white and silver gladiolas graced the stage, piano, and refreshment table. Purple bougainvillea and fern were also effectively used about the auditorium.

Bondy Harmon, club president, welcomed the guests.

The program consisted of a vocal solo by Dillie Nicklas; three piano selections by Bobby Hankal; and a playlet, "Love Conquers All," starring Grady Hester, Buck Henson, Martin Palmer and Misses Ann Bauer, Jean Spratt, and Marjorie Miller.

Miss Ann Bauer directed the "mixer dance," in which everyone participated.

Punch and purple cake squares, bearing the club's initials, L.B., were served to the group.

Invited guests, other than Little Broadway members and their guests, were members of the Junior-Senior high school faculties.

Misses Anne Bauer and Marjorie Miller are the sponsors of the club.

F.H.T. Area Meeting To Be In February

Plans for accommodating Future Homemakers from other parts of the state for the area meeting to be held in Mercedes in February were discussed at the regular meeting, January 7, at the home of Betty Jean Voelkel, of the local chapter.

Each officer of the club gave a short talk on her duties. White tee-shirts and sweat-shirts were issued to the girls who ordered them.

Refreshments were served by the hostess after the meeting to approximately 35 members and the sponsor, Mrs. Jack Bain.

Awards to Be Given Panthers of '46

Herbert G. Foster, president of the Life Insurance Company of Fort Worth, Texas, has written a letter to Joe H. Wilson, superintendent of schools, informing him that the company is going to send to Weslaco High a trophy, for its successful football season. The torphy will be sent as soon as it has been engraved, Mr. Foster stated.

First Stude: Did you know that my teacher talks to herself?

Second: So does mine, but she doesn't know it. She thinks some one is listening.

PSYCHOLOGISTS FIND STUDY HALL HEAVEN

Heaven hlep a poor study hall teacher! Study hall is that period of the day when all the students of high school with nothing to do try to find something to do without letting the study hall teacher know that they're doing it.

Let us walk into one of these queer institutions and study the unusual inhabitants that dwell there.

For the sake of convenience, let us divide all of its occupants into six classes. Don't ask us which is worst. (For your information there is no perfect study hall student.)

The first case is illustrated by Johnny and Jack. They are the show-off type. When the teacher turns her bcak, Johnny will leap up and hit Jack with a paper wad; whereupon Jack will retaliate with a right to the body. The fight is on, and it ends with two fewer people in study hall but two more in detention hall.

Next comes the nervous type illustrated by Jane. She is never still, but always on the go. If it isn't a book to be checked out, it's a pencil to be sharpened, or a book that she left in her locker. This type is very annoying, and medical science has yet to find the cure.

Then we find the person who does things just for the meanness of it. He considers this a game; and when he escapes detention hall one out of five times, he considers himself an expert. Nearly everybody suffers from this pest.

Now it is time to study the person who just can't keep quiet. She has probably been moved from every seat in the room, but she still manages to ramble on. (It is Miss Spratt's belief that she listens to too many tobacco-sponsored radio programs.)

Then in every group we always have the jolly type. Anything amuses him, from an innocent fly walking across a table, to a person trying to memorize Shakespeare.

Last, but not least, comes the gum chewing type. This person always managed to find gum to chew, even in its most scarce war years. He gets a great kick out of hearing the "poppin'" sound and always leaves his cud where someone will sit on it. I'll use myself to illustrate this last tyep. I told you there was no perfect study hall stude!

From the amount of dirt picked up this week, it looks almost as if we did spring cleaning! Here is a small portion of it.

Say, "WOODY," you seem to find Donna an awfully interesting town now! It seems you were with BARBARA BOYCE twice and KATHERINE McWHORTER once. You really had a full week-end, no?

PAT KEEN appears torn between two guys—HAL and WILLIAM BACH. Can't you make up your mind, PAT?

NORMAN and BETTY JUNE are seen together constantly. Nice going, kids.

EMMA JEAN and PEGGY are pretty fond of Mission. Wonder why?

Seen at the Little Broadway formal Saturday night were HAL and PAT, "SCOTTY" and BALLARD, BETTY LEE and DONALD, JULIUS and MARY JO BENNETT, KENNETH JONES and HAZEL, KENNETH and ZOE, ED and ELLA DEAN, PEGGY and C. V., BILLY JOE and EMMA JEAN, ED McLEAISH and DOREEN, DORIS JEAN and MAURICE, FRANCES HUDSON and MAURICE ALLEN, REECE and PATSY, RAY and PATTIE SUE, SUE ECCLES and ROGER FIKE, KITTY SUE and MERCER, JAMES FORREST and FLORINE WILSON, MARY ANN CLIFFORD and BILLY FORD, and BETTY ROBERTSON and JIMMY McLEAISH.

HOMER, you certainly made the rounds over the week-end! I can't make up my mind whether the date of the week should go to you and ELLA DEAN or you and SUE THOMPSON!

Last summer's romance is budding again! KENNETH WOODS (Donna) has been coming to Weslaco to see DOREEN!

It seems there isn't enough room for the rest of the dirt; so bye-bye till next week. And keep up the dirty work!

She was the optician's daughter. Two glasses and she made a spectacle of herself.

24 New Students Hail From All Parts Of Country

Weslaco Junior-Senior High School has enrolled 24 new students since November.

New Juniors are Jacqueline Allen, Mercedes; and Roger Fike, Ashland, Ohio.

Sophomores are Mary Nelle Davenport, San Antonio; Bob Davis, Edinburg; and Helen Haynes, Ashland, Ohio.

The Freshman Class has added Maurice Allen, Mercedes; George Beggs, Alabama; Joan Bruns, Nebraska; Patsy Ann Cade, Kosse, Texas; Donna DeMorrow, Stevenville, Michigan; Mary DeMorrow, Stevenville, Michigan; Ray Davis, Edinburg; and Yrena Feston, Zephyr, Texas.

New eighth graders are Clifton Davenport, San Antonio; and Harvey Simmons, Rockdale, Texas.

The seventh grade additions are Alfonso Carreon, Joan of Arc Ward; Janie Davis, Edinburg; Emiliano Gonzalez, North Ward; Juanita Hatfield, Iowa Park Ward School; Benito Hernandez, North Ward; Gaylord Long, Sinking Spring, Ohio; Ann Maddox, Holland; Jose Sanchez, North Ward; and Martha Ann Smith, La Feria.

Mid-Term Exams To Begin Today

Mid-term exams will begin at 9 o'clock today, as scheduled. according to A. C. Murphy, principal. The complete schedule is as follows:

Wednesday:
First period—9 to 10:30.
Third period—11 to 12:30.
Fifth period—1:30 to 3.
Thursday:
Second period—9 to 10:30.
Fourth period—11 to 12:30.
Sixth period—1:30 to 3.

Students of Junior and Senior High will not report to classes Friday, as this is the teachers' grading day, Mr. Murphy stated.

Sweet young thing: My hero, my great big hero. How did you break your arm?

Football player: The bench turned over.

Greetings, pals! Here I am again with all of the latest gab. Are you ready? Here goes.

Little Broadway checked off another successful dance last Saturday night. That club has really got hep! We didn't realize the talent that could be found around W.H.S. if we would only look. The teachers here really can put on an act!

The football boys must have stuffed themselves at the barbecue given them last Sunday by Mr. J. C. Hill and Mr. O. F. McFarland. Those guys get treated by practically everybody.

The reason for all of the sudden hilarity on the part of Doreen and Ballard last Friday is really very understandable. The first shipment of the annual had been sent off, and these hard-working editors can at last breathe a sigh of relief—until the next shipment is due, that is.

Have all of you studes subscribed to the HI-LIFE for the second semester? If not, it still isn't too late. Dig out with 35 cents in a lump and save money later on. What about it?

The time has come to W.H.S. when the teachers want your notebooks, book reports, and practically everythnig else that you have. Yes, the mid-term is finally here, bringing with it all of those horrible exams. What have we done to deserve this?

This is absolutely the last time you'll have to put up with me as the writer of this column. (Is that shouts of joy or tears of sorrow that I hear in the distance?) The new HI-LIFE staff will take over their positions next week. They were elected last week by the Journalism Class.

'Nuff said—so bye-bye.

Beneath the moon he told his love.
The color left her cheeks,
But on the shoulder of his coat,
It plainly showed for weeks.

CASTANEDA, SENIOR; HULL, JUNIOR, TO EDIT HI-LIFE THIS SEMESTER

Heading the HI-LIFE for the second semester will be Ventura Castaneda and Peggy Hull, who will be editor and assistant editor respectively.

Ventura, a senior, was assembly reporter and typist for the HI-LIFE during the first semester. He is also secretary of the shorthand class, a member of Little Broadway, snapshot editor of LA PALMA, and was a member of Choral Club. Speaking of grades, Ventura's are in the top bracket of his class, and he has a gleam in his eye when honors are mentioned.

Peggy, a junior, and the second junior to have the position of assistant editor this year, wrote "As I See It" for the HI-LIFE during the first semester. Peggy is a member of Little Broadway, Girl Reserves, Future Homemakers, and LA PALMA staff. Peggy's grades are also in the upper bracket of her class.

Under the editorship of these two, the HI-LIFE is expected to maintain its high standards of student journalism.

Hill, Lobitz Chosen For All-State Band

Jimmy Hill, cornetist, and Carl Lobitz, trombonist, have been chosen from the Weslaco Band to play in the All-State High School Band to be held in Galveston February 6-8.

This band is sponsored by the Texas Music Association. It is made up of seventy-five students, chosen from bands all over Texas, Mr. Bellamah stated.

Band to Present Program at S.F.A.

The Weslaco High School Band will present a program of marches and novelties at the Stephen F. Austin School Friday, January 31, at 10:30 a.m., according to Joseph L. Bellamah, director.

A young lady after a broken engagement returned all the gent's letters marked, "Fourth Class Male."

Science Club Adds New Equipment

The Science Club has recently added $275 worth of equipment to the laboratory, according to Carl Lovett, head of the Science Department.

The club obtained this money from the concession stands at the football games and other miscellaneous affairs. Among the new equipment is a complete set of hand tools for the laboratory.

Report Cards to Be Issued Tomorrow

Report cards will be issued Thursday morning after the third period, at 11:45, according to A. C. Murphy, principal.

Sections will report to their regular homerooms to receive their report cards.

A girl speaking of a Navy man she had been out with: "I think he's chief petting officer."

'47 Senior Play Selected By Committee

Rehearsals Begin On "Almost Summer"

"Almost Summer," a comedy in three acts by Christopher Sergel, has been selected as the Senior play by a reading committee, and the tentative date of production has been set for February 28.

Five boys and five girls compose the cast of actors. Paul Jones, a senior in high school, is going into a "cram" session, so that he can make at least 95 on a semester history exam, to be in the upper third of the class. His steady, Jane, is going to a summer camp, where Paul wants to go also as another boy is trying to go with Jane. If he doesn't make this 95, he will be required to attend summer school, in order that he can attend the University.

Try-out will be held Monday of this week according to Reece McAlpin, president of the Senior class. The cast will be announced in the week's HI-LIFE.

The events that follow make a very laughable comedy.

Practice is being held every afternoon from 4 until 7 in the high school auditorium. Miss Anne Bauer is directing the production.

Feel a Verse? Well, Write It Down; Win A Prize—Maybe

Mary Hardin-Baylor College is sponsoring the Texas High School Poetry Contest for the twenty-fifth consecutive year, according to a letter received by Miss Louise Black, head of the English department.

All students of Weslaco High are eligible to enter this contest. Any poem may be entered which has been written since March of last year. Trophies, scholarships, and trips to the poetry program held at the college will be given as prizes for the different winners.

Any student wishing additional information may contact Miss Black.

Mornin'! Your new columnist sincerely hopes that all of you have recovered over the weekend from those terrific mid-term exams. I wonder how many of you have vowed and declared to keep your notebooks in A-1 condition this next semester!

Why, oh why, do teachers have to issue report cards? After those mid-term exam grades go on the cards, you'd better think of a good excuse to tell your folks!

On behalf of all my fellow-studes, I would like to say that we hope that Miss Miller will be happy in her new position with the bank, in St. Augustine, for we shall surely miss her. We also welcome Mr. Carl M. Fischer to W.H.S. Let's try to make him feel at home.

Did you see those Roliki boys working on the flower beds around the Senior High building Friday morning in the cold, damp air? Things like this prove that we are really proud of W.H.S.

Say, are you one of those wiser ones who has already subscribed to the HI-LIFE for the second semester? If you haven't, I would advise you to do it this week, today, now! You may subscribe from any member of the Journalism class, but hurry! (You can still save 16 cents.)

Kids, with the first semester behind us and a new one to look forward to, let's all settle down and get to work. Wouldn't it be wonderful not to have to cram the night before the finals?

Attention, Seniors, Juniors, and Sophs! Start looking around at your classmates, because the annual spring popularity contest is just around the corner. Do you have any likely beauties or popular studes in mind?

Well, gotta run now. See ya' next week.

A New Staff Takes Over

Under the capable editorship of Bondy Harmon and Ann Waller, the first semester HI-LIFE was very successful. As we begin the new semester and as the new staff takes over the production of the paper, we shall endeavor to maintain its high standards and to exceed them if possible. To do this we shall have to work hard, and we hope we shall be as successful as other staffs have been.

Not only shall we try to bring you the news of the week, but we will also try to present an accurate picture of school life here in W.H.S. We shall strive to do this in such a way that our stories and features will be of interest to our readers here in school, to our ex-students, and to our readers everywhere.

We hope you do not feel that because the football season is over, the paper will not be interesting. It is our task to keep it interesting. Among our plans for the second semester are a new column and a new type of sports feature.

Some of you have already subscribed for the second semester. We really appreciate your support and cooperation. As this is the first issue produced by the new staff, we hope you will not judge us solely by it. (Remember, it was produced under the pressure of mid-term examinations!) If you have not already subscribed, you still have a chance to save money by doing so right away!

Let's Get Off on the Right Foot!

The first semester in W.H.S. has been busy, exciting, and full of fun and work. There have been times when we thought we were asked to do the impossible, but most of us managed to pull through. However, there were some students in our school that seemed to think the teachers would pass them—passing grades or not. Now after taking the mid-term exams, they realize the mistake they made in not studying.

With the new semester most students resolve to study harder and not do all that last minute cramming.

This is a very good resoluion, but it lasts only for a few weeks. Then there we are—back in the same old rut.

This year let's make it different; let's start the new semester on the right foot and study. School will be much easier that way.

How about it?

Send Thought Wave—But Not a Note!

Friends, Romans, and countrymen, lend me your ears—take my advice and don't pass notes. The teachers of W.H.S. have a bad habit of reading your notes to the class!

Coach Hensen's third period study hall is learning fast that passing notes only leads to certain discovery. It seems as though he knows all, sees all, and reads all. And this is sometimes embarrassing, isn't it? (We won't mention names THIS time.)

Initiation Plans Made by Club

Plans for the formal and informal initiations of new members were made at the regular meeting of Little Broadway Tuesday, January 20, in the junior high auditorium.

A new co-sponsor for the club was also discussed, since Miss Marjorie Miller, sponsor, resigned to return to her home in St. Augustine.

The club decided to clean the stage and have a picnic lunch at the next regular meeting.

Well, here I am again, folks, with another vacuum full of dirt.

To start this week off, DONALD and BETTY LEE, HOWARD and MARGE, JACK and MARY (McAllen), RAY JACKSON and BETTY JEAN, and BALLARD and "SCOTTY" were seen at the Wagon. These kids seemed to be enjoying themselves thoroughly.

PAT KEEN seemed to be busy over the weekend, starting it off with HOMER RYAN Thursday night, HAL POTTS Friday and Sunday nights, and WILLIAM BACH Saturday night. (By the way, HOMER, was the show in Pharr any good?)

Seen at BETTY LEE'S slumber party Thursday night were PAT KEEN, PATTIE SUE, MARJORIE ROGERS, ZOE BARBEE, "SCOTTIE", BETTY JUNE, ANN, BETTY JEAN, and LORETTA. Say, girls, wasn't it a little cold in the "Little House"?

Enjoying an excellent show in Pharr Friday night were BILLY JOE and EVA MAE and MAURICE and JACKIE.

At MARJORIE'S one night were HOWARD and MARJORIE, and ZOE and KEN. They enjoyed the record "I Cried For You" very much. (By the way, boys, if any of you like good records, "BUDDY," MARJORIE'S brother, has some very good ones he would enjoy playing for you).

JACK, we hear you had a good time at McFARLANDS' house Sunday night. Oh, man, this fireside romance!

RAY, you seem to be seeing quite a bit of JACKIE, aren't you? Is this getting serious?

ED and ANN and NORMAN and BETTY JUNE were seen in Pharr Thursday night. (ANN, are you two getting serious or something?)

JAMES HOWARD and CATHERINE were seen together Sunday night. Is something brewing between you two?

Rumor has it that VENTURA had a date with RITA SALDANA, newcomer to Weslaco, Saturday night.

What's the matter with you, Ole Vacuum Cleaner? Are you empty so soon? Yes, kids, the vacuum Cleaner says it's empty but that it'll be full of dirt by next Wednesday morning, believe it or not!

W.H.S. Invited to Be "Winkler" Member

On January 1, 1947, Weslaco High School was admitted into the order of the "Winkle Gang." This district honor is enjoyed by only a picked handful of schools who through the years have proved their school spirit, sportsmanship, and courage in the face of overwhelming odds.

The "Winklers," under the direction of Perry "Judge" Winkle, dean of South Texas sports writers, is a unique organization, indeed; and in order for Weslaco to be accepted into the clan every boy and girl in high school must donate a nickel to the Red Cross, and a receipt for this must be in the "Jedge's" hands by February 1.

The responsibilities of a "Winkler" are defined by the "Jedge," himself, as follows: "Weslaco must be prepared to meet the shock of increased fury from their athletic foes.

"Weslaco will receive a large picture (presumably of the 'Jedge') known as the 'Winkle Hex,' and this is to be hung in the locker room where the boys must salute it before going out to meet their rivals."

"In return, the school will receive a membership scroll, and Coach Hester will receive a diploma for graduating from the 'College of Football Knowledge' (This seems to stem from the fact that the 'Jedge' picked Hondo, who has been a 'Winkler' for seventeen years.)"

For many years now, the "Winkle Gang" has been distinguishing itself. In the middle "thirties" Donna was a member, and it was during this time that they won their last regional crown. A "Winkler" is not always expected to win, but a "Winkler" is expected always to show clean sportsmanship and to fight on to the end, no matter how far behind. As the "Jedge" says, "Football is like life. You have to hand it out and take it. Nothing is free."

Two Plays To Be Presented In Harlingen

"Macbeth" Offered By Well Known Duo January 28

Henry Joyner and Daisy Vivian, two well known Shakespearean actors from the famous Ben Greet Company, will present "The Merchant of Venice" and "Macbeth" in Harlingen Monday and Tuesday nights, January 27 and 28, respectively, at the Junior High School Auditorium.

These two actors belonged to the former Ben Greet company, which was nationally known as one of the greatest Shakespearean troupes. Its originator, Ben Greet, who was knighted by the late King George V for the exceptional work he did in Shakespeare's works, emphasized the acting rather than elaborate scenic details.

Henry Joyner and Daisy Vivian, the last of this great Ben Greet company, accomplish the feat of presenting the Shakespearean dramas without the aid of a supporting cast. A running narrative, which will be carried over the loud speaker system, tells the continuity of the story. By their acting ability they are able to create the imaginary supporting cast, who seem actually present.

These actors have presented these two plays in all parts of the country to students of literature in high schools, colleges, and universities. The comments from the students who saw them were very favorable.

A number of English IV students are planning to attend this performance, as well as some of the English III students, who will study the play next year, according to Miss Louise Black. If a sufficient number of students wish to attend, a school bus will be taken, stated Joe H. Wilson, superintendent of schools.

Student and faculty tickets are on sale in Miss Black's office for 50c and adult tickets for $1.00, both prices including taxes.

Miller Resigns; Fischer Employed

Carl M. Fischer has been recently added to the faculty of Weslaco Senior High to replace Miss Marjorie Miller, English instructor, who has resigned.

Mr. Fischer, originally of Kewanee, Illinois, was graduated from the University of Illinois and has taken graduate courses there and at the University of Chicago. His previous teaching experiences were at Gulf Coast Military Academy, Gulfport, Mississippi; and Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa.

During the war Mr. Fischer was a U.S.O. Club Director at Biloxi, Mississippi; Beeville, Texas; and Corpus Christi, Texas. He was also employed by the Government on the Manhattan Project, which was the Atom Bomb Project.

Mr. Fischer, who took over his position in W. H. S. Monday of this week, has high school English as his principal teaching work.

Miss Miller, who came to W. H. S. last year from Saint Augustine, Texas, plans to leave the teaching profession and work in the bank at Saint Augustine.

The longest word in the English language is the one following the phrase: "And now a word from our sponsor."

W.H.S. Cagers Play Twice This Week

The Weslaco Cagers lost their second seasonal game last week to the Pharr Bears 14-13.

The Panthers were slow to start in the first half, throwing the ball away time after time; and when the first half ended, the score was 12-5 in favor of Pharr.

The second half saw a little more action on the part of the Panthers, and the Pharr boys were checked in the final period to two points, while the Panthers rang up eight before time ran out.

The outstanding and high point man for Weslaco was Ray Cleckler.

The Panthers played the Lyford Bulldogs yesterday afternoon on the Weslaco "Gym," and they will meet La Feria this afternoon at 4:15 o'clok at La Feria and Pharr Friday afternoon at Pharr.

Members Work on Varied Projects

Almost all the Science Club members have projects this year, according to Carl Lovett, sponsor of the club.

Among the projects are a vacuum still for distilling woods and oils, which is being made by Arnold Dryer; an electric panel board to be used in physics experiments by Horace Coaker; radios, Elden Wren, Tommy Pepper, and Billy Griffin; photography, Ann Waller, Doreen Yoder, and Betty June Boles; and additional cabinets being made by Jimmy Clark.

New HI-LIFE Staff Chosen by Class For Second Semester

The HI-LIFE staff for the second semester was elected recently by the Journalism Class. The complete staff is as follows:

Editor—Ventura Castaneda

Assistant Editor—Peggy Hull

Make-up editors—Ann Waller, Doreen Yoder

Headline writer—Kenneth Jones

"As I See It"—Patsy Keen

Exchanges—Emma Jean Barber, Doris Jean Potts

Features—Jacqueline Allen, Julius Knebel

Sports—Kenneth Sherry, Norman Watson, Jerry Waggoner

Girls' sports—Kitty Sue Allen

Sports features—Ed McLeaish

"From the Sidelines"—Homer Ryan

Reporters — Ballard Bennett, Jimmy McAlpin

Typists—Emma Jean Barber, Patsy Keen, Julius Knebel

Sponsor—Miss Louise Black

I TRY TO STUDY FOR A MID-TERM EXAM

(The following is a class theme written as part of an English III mid-term examination. Since it is so typically "high schoolish," we decided to publish it.

The author, Suzanne Eccles, is a new junior in W. H. S. She was formerly from Columbia, Ohio. Suzie is interested in writing and recently submitted an entry for a contest being held in her former school.)

I remember well that it was a Tuesday evening. With a load of textbooks and notebooks that was sufficient for three students, I sat down at the desk. Little did I dream of what was in store for me that night! Hence, with a clear mind and good intentions I began to study.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? Well, it was for a time. My family had thoughtfully gone out for the evening, the dog was sleeping, and the only sound was the scratching of my pen. Suddenly I heard a loud banging on the door. In burst Marilyn McMann and Caroline Goodson, two of my dearest friends, but not at this moment. It seems that they were planning a party, and I was to be in charge of the entertainment. On and on they babbled.

"We'll have Bobbie play. I like the boogie piece of his. Maybe Miller will sing. You remember!"

Round and round went the minute hand on the clock. Finally I tried, with tact, of course, to suggest that perhaps they had to leave now.

"Leave! Why no, we've got lots more to tell you!" It was a good hour later before their spring of chatter unwound itself and they took their departure.

With an audible sigh of relief I reseated myself at the desk. Burying my head in my notes, I copied page after page of material. I laid them all neatly on the edge of the desk and adjourned to the kitchen for a short snack. But when I came back! There in the middle of the room was the dog placidly chewing on my history papers. I screamed; I yelled; I cried! This made little impression on her; she just kept on shredding "Reasons for the Discovery and Settlement of America." "Well," I tried to tell myself cheerfully, "writing them again will only help me to learn them better."

Then came the glorious moment. I was done! I could rattle off ten reasons for the Revolution like the ABC's. I laid my notebook gently down and turned with a smile of satisfaction to my bed.

As I lay there in that void between slumber and consciousness, a hazy thought came into my mind. Slowly it materialized. I sat up with a shriek and then fell back lilmp upon the pillows. **Thursday** was my history exam. **English** was tomorrow!

79 Pupils Listed on Honor Roll; 28 Make Superior, 51 Honor

Seniors Lead With 20.05%; Sophomores Rank Second With 16%; Juniors Lowest

Seventy-nine students are listed on the honor rolls for the third six weeks, according to A. C. Murphy, principal. This shows an increase of 24 over the last honor roll.

Of the 521 students, including one section of the sixth grade, who are attending Weslaco Junior-Senior High School, 15.1% are on the honor roll. The Senior class had the highest percentage with 20.05%; the Sophomore Class came second with a 16%; and the eighth grade third with 15%. The Junior Class had the lowest average with 7.5% of its students on the honor rolls.

The complete honor roll for the third six weeks is as follows:

SUPERIOR ROLL (All A's)

Seniors: Ballard Bennett, Juanita Cantu, Ventura Castaneda.

Juniors: Peggy Hull, Margaret Kobeck, Hal Potts.

Sophomores: Sergio Garza, Peggy Ann Kirgan, Tommy Pepper, Bill Pickard, Betty Jean Robertson.

Freshmen: Kaye Clark.

Eighth: Caroline Carrothers, Mary Ann Dreyer, Gene McMullen, Charles Sawyer, Sue Thompson, Marilyn Weber.

Seventh: Sarita Bailey, Eva Campos, Ninfa Cardona, Kathleen Geraughty, Delia Gutierrez, Delia Hernandez, June Smith.

Sixth: Carole Sawyer, Coralyn Ann Roberson, Shirley Wise.

HONOR ROLL (3 A's, others B)

Seniors: Barbara Crosby, Glenna Ruth Holman, Kenneth Jones, Patsy Martin, Reece McAlpin, Jerry Waggoner.

Juniors: Marilyn McMann, Mary Katherine Way.

Sophomores: Mary Ann Clifford, Arnold Dreyer, Kathryn Eoff, Dixie Jo George, Frances Hudson, Fred Ray Jones, Jimmy McLeaish, Leola May Norman, Dolores Triplett, Elden Wren.

Freshmen: Charlie Cardenas, Augustin de los Santos, Manfredo Garza, Sally Nicklas, Tommy Waggoner.

Eighth: Genevieve Ballard, Earl Lee Pike, Patsy Potts, Robert Joe Potts, David Robertson, John Womble, Marshall Wortham.

Seventh: Domingo Cardona, Graciela Monteagudo, Elva Ochoa, Lee Nicklas, Rufino Ramirez, Warren Stansbury, Jackie Faye Roberts, Donald Watkins, Thelma Woods.

Sixth: Emma Cardenas, Roberta Cardenas, David Rogers, Wesley Ryan, Imogene Salsman, Jesus Sepulveda, James Skaggs, Joan Steiner, Angelina Tamez, Daryl Tysdal, Madia Womble, Jerry Willis.

Cagers Lose Close Games to Lyford. Pharr, and La Feria

Last Tuesday the Weslaco cagers lost a close game to Lyford by a score of 17 to 18. The next day three points meant defeat for the Panthers when the La Feria Lions outscored them 15 to 12.

The high flying Pharr Bears defeated the Panthers 36 to 18 last Friday evening.

Showing excellent ball handling and ability to hit the basket, Jerry "Wheelhorse" Waggoner, Red Martn, Bob Guess, and Ray Eckler have turned in sterling performances during this season.

Coach Buck Henson stated that the new basketball warming up equipment has arrived.

The Panthers will play the La Feria Lions tomorrow, but the place had not been determined when the HI-LIFE went to press.

HI-LIFE Group Will Attend Meeting

Ventura Castaneda, Peggy Hull, Ballard Bennett, Ann Waller, and Miss Louise Black, sponsor, will attend the executive meeting of the Valley High School Press Conference at the Edcouch-Elsa High School Thursday night at 7:30.

The purpose of this meeting is to plan the spring conference and the VHSPC newspaper contests.

Representatives from all school papers in the Valley have been invited to attend. Ballard is secretary-treasurer of VHSPC.

Can You Draw? Take Try at Cugat; $100 Prize Offered

Say, you study hall artists, here's your chance to become wealthy and famous! Instead of your usual art work on all of the school magazines, papers, and text books, try your hand at drawing on plain paper and have your chance at $100 and a good time at the Charro Days events.

Xavier Cugat, the famous orchestra leader, is offering a prize of $50 to the stude who draws the best caricature of Mr. Cugat. Charro Days will add an extra $50, which will give the winner $100, plus a free trip to Charro Days and a conference with Cugat himself.

Not only this—but Mr. Cugat has said that if the winner is really outstanding, he will make an effort to find him some Hollywood employment, provided, of course, that the student is interested in such a thing and is of proper age, etc.

A photograph of Mr. Cugat, to be used as a model, is on the bulletin board in the hall by the coke machine.

The dead line for all caricatures is February 10. The entries will be judged by Mr. Cugat when he arrives in Brownsville.

Entries should be mailed to Charro Days, Brownsville, Texas.

Fischer Elected Club Co-Sponsor

Carl M. Fischer was elected co-sponsor of Little Broadway at its regular meeting Tuesday, January 21. Mr. Fischer, English instructor in Weslaco High, was chosen to replace Miss Marjorie Miller, who resigned recently to return to her home in St. Augusitne.

Plans for the informal initiation of fourteen new members were made. It was decided to hold the initiation after school some day this week.

The club also voted to clean the stage and have a picnic lunch at the next regular meeting.

Hello, fellow victims. How do you feel this morning? Fine, hey? Well, if you want to stay that way, let your eyes stray from this column, because the Ole VACUUM CLEANER is bulging with dirt and in just a few more minutes will spill everthing it knows.

The Edinburg Junior College Joe 'n' Jane Dane seemed to be the main social attention in the Valley last Friday. Among the Weslaco couples seen there were KEN and ZOE, EMMA JEAN and MAURICE, EVA MAE and BILLY JOE, LORETTA and "DRAWERS," ROBERT and CARLINE, ANN WALLER and MILLER, and our date of the week, GEN and ODELL GODWIN. By the way, ANN, isn't it great to dance with a boy who can smoke a pipe?

Say, you girls had better get to work on "VAN JOHNSON" SAWYER and BAKER OSBORNE if you don't want them to stay in Edinburg **all** of the time.

Your roving reporter really had to cover ground Friday night to catch all that went on. However, we hear that KATHERINE CLECKLER and V.C., and BOBBY GOODY and SAGGY were having a gay ole time.

The "CACTUS" Friday was the scene of much merrymaking. If you don't believe us, ask DORIS JEAN and JERRY, and JIMMY KELLY and PATRICIA DAVIDSON. Two sides of the eternal triangle were there also. They were KENNETH JONES and MARY ANN CLIFFORD, and JULIUS and BETTY JEAN ROBERTSON.

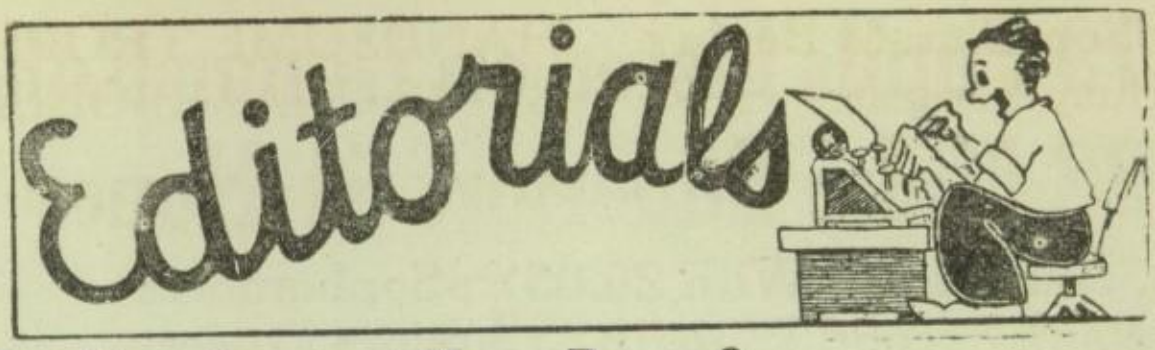
Speaking of eternal triangle, a new one has sprung up on the campus of W. H. S. which is composed of SUE ECCLES, ROGER FIKE, and FRANCES HUDSON. Frances, did you and ROGER have a good time at the Drive-In Saturday??

The Donna Band Banquet attracted quite a few young Weslacoans. Seen there were BETTY JEAN VOELKEL and "DIZZY," and "BONDY BOY" and BARBARA BOYCE.

By the way, Dolores, whom were you with??

Say, C. V., MARY JEAN BOYER seemed unusually lonesome Saturday night. Could it have been another date with KATHERINE?

Well, your Ole VACUUM CLEANER is about empty, so good-by till net week—and don't be too good!



Do You Support Your Paper?

"HI-LIFE!" "Buy a HI-LIFE and read all about it!" "Read the scoop of the week!"

Yes, studes, buy a HI-LIFE and support your school publications. After all, the publications department is doing you a service by bringing you the news of the week for only 3 cents a copy or 35 cents a semester. Just think! You get all the gossip of the week, news and views by your "As I See It" columnist and comments on sports by the writer of "From the Sidelines." In addition, you get all sorts of features, sports features, and all the important news of past and future events.

Have you ever stopped to think how fortunate you are to attend a school where the publications department offers its services for such a low price? Don't think that because the football season is over, the HI-LIFE isn't going to be interesting.

Believe it or not, kids, the HI-LIFE is going to be good; so come on, pitch in and buy one, or subscribe to it while you still have the opportunity to do so.

Have You Joined the March of Dimes?

As most of you probably know, the time has come again for the annual March of Dimes. The Roliki Club is sponsoring the drive in W.H.S. and cooperating with this nationwide movement to give aid to those who have been afflicted with the dreaded disease of infantile paralysis. Since W.H.S. has taken an active part in this drive, the help and support of each and every student is needed.

You have undoubtedly been asked to give a little somewhere—in a theater or some organization. Let your dime, small as it may seem, march along with the thousands of others to aid those suffering from polio. Let's help those who are unable to help themselves as much as we can. Remember, you might be next.

A high school student handed in the following as the principal parts of a Latin verb:

"Slippeo, slippere, falli, bumpus."

The returned paper read:

"Fallio, failere, funco, suspendum."

F.H.T. to Meet Feb. 3 With Doris Potts

Further plans for the Future Homemakers' Area Meeting in Mercedes February 8 will be made at the Weslaco Chapter of Future Homemakers' regular meeting February 13, at the home of Doris Jean Potts, according to Mrs. Jack Bain, sponsor.

The program will include a guest speaker; however, definite plans have not been made as to who the speaker will be. Hostesses will be Doris Jean Potts and Joveta Johnson.

Doris: "Elmer says he's going to marry the prettiest girl in town."

Eva Mae: "The idea! Why, I don't even know him!"

Shop Classes Begin Busy Semester

Upon entering the second semester of school, the shop boys are engaged in many activities.

The electricity classes are studying amplifiers, test panels, battery chargers, one-tube radios, and power supply.

The Laboratory of Industries classes are working on projects in woodwork, sheetmetal, machine turning, foundry, and drafting.

Some of the projects of the advanced wood class are as follows: Louis Hethcock, lawn chairs; Jimmy Kelly, modern end table; Ruben Ortega, piano bench; Paul Pate, mahogany office desk; and Leonardo Garcia, end table.

The general wood class is working on table lamps, book ends, magazine racks, smoking stands, wall shelves, and drafting boards.

New students that have entered shop for the last semester are as follows: Ramiro Quijano, Thomas Ayala, Bobby Mitchell, Donald Schultz, and Darrell Schultz.

Funnels, lunch boxes, lathe dog, pitchers, plane handles, and guide yokes are among the drawings of the mechanical drawing class.

G.R.'s to Make Plans For Spring Banquet

Plans for the annual Sweetheart Banquet will be made at the regular meeting of Girl Reserves tonight at the home of Patsy Martin, club president.

Prospective members for the club and a radio program to be given over KGBS will also be discussed.

Who'll Get Jackets—Boys or Girls?

You football boys had better watch the W.H.S. girls, because you don't have a chance!

When the news spread around school that the football jackets might arrive about the first of February, the mad scramble for a football player began and has been going at a hair-raising speed. You can slow down, girls, as the boys say that they are not going to give up their well earned awards.

Well, they may keep their jackets the first day, but the girls will get them in the end—maybe.

HANDSOME TROPHIES RECEIVED BY '46 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Pictured above are the captain, Ballard Bennett, and co-captain, Jack Freasier, of the Weslaco Panthers with two trophies — last year's trophy and this year's special award.

The smaller trophy, held by Ballard, is the bi-district trophy, which acknowledges that the Panthers were District and Bi-district Champions of 1945. This trophy was presented by District 40-A.

The mammoth gold trophy near Jack was presented by the Life Insurance Company of America with "Texas Interscholastic League; Class A Regional 10 Champions; Football 1946; Weslaco High School" engraved on it.

Money Can Still Be Saved: Renew Now!

Approximately one hundred and twenty-five students and teachers had subscribed to the HI-LIFE for the last semester Monday, when the paper went to press.

This is only a little more than half the number who subscribed the first semester. Students who haven't renewed yet can still save money by subscribing now.

McWhorter Speaks To Roliki Club

C. M. McWhorter spoke on "My Trip Through Canada" at the regular meeting of the Roliki club Wednesday, January 22. Mr. McWhorter told of his hunting trips and his many thrilling adventures while camping in the mountains.

Members of the club were given cards which were to be filled with dimes for the March of Dimes by the next regular meeting.

Girls' Tennis Team Begins Practice

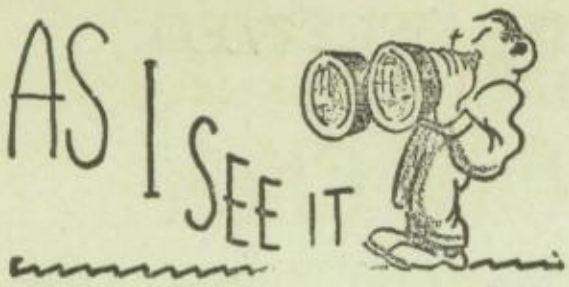
Practice for tennis is being held everyafternoon by Weslaco High's girls' tennis team. The team members are Jean Elston, Betty Blanton, and Wilma Walker.

The girls will play Pharr at Pharr some time in February, according to Coach Grady Hester, in charge of the activity.

Speech Class Plans Guidance Program

A radio broadcast sponsored by the Speech Class will be given Tuesday, February 4, over Station KGBS, according to Miss Anne Bauer.

The theme of the broadcast will be guidance. The fifteen-minute program will give the public an idea of what the student guidance director, Mrs. V. C. Thompson, is doing in our school.



Greetings and salutations. And how is everyone this morning? This has really been a busy week. I'll tell you some of the things that have happened.

Friday night the Panthers and guests devoured "mucho" barbeque. The Quarterback Club feted the boys with a barbeque on Barbee field and everyone thoroughly feasted.

Did you see those girls mowing lawns, buying groceries, and caring (?) for babies last Saturday? It seems that the Future Homemakers will do anything for money. They chose Saturday as their "hobo" day and went about doing odd jobs to collect money for the club. Good experience, girls!

"Oh, it's beautiful!" "Golly, just look!" These exclamations were heard by those few lucky ones who have seen the regional and bi-district trophies. They will be presented in an assembly today.

Approximately seventy-five students attended the presentation of "Macbeth" and "Merchant of Venice" Monday and Tuesday nights in Harlingen. Everyone agrees that they were marvelous performances. (You next year's English IV kids should benefit by it.)

"Hey, Jane, look at that prehistoric man!" "Calm down, June; it's only a "Charro-day-beard."

No kidding, people not acquainted with this annual celebration might wonder whether the men of South Texas had ever heard of a Gillette blade, if they could see some of these bearded men running around!

We can certainly say our Cagers have the fighting spirit. True, the scores have "sorta" been against us, but the boys keep plugging on. Good luck, fellas.

The LA PALMA staff can be found working on the annual nearly everyday after school now, for the time is drawing near to send another shipment to the publishers.

Don't forget to subscribe to the HI-LIFE.

Remember, girls, the Girl Reserve Sweetheart Banquet is February 15, and you'd better get your dates soon.

If you happen to hear any football player call another a "glory hound," think nothing of it because pictures were taken last Thursday on the football field.

The Quarterback Club honored the football team with a barbecue on Barbee Field last Friday night at 7 o'clock. Tickets were sold to the public for $1.50. Comments from those who attended the barbecue were very favorable.

Fleetfoots of the school started work-outs for track last Monday afternoon. No definite practice schedule has been set, but the boys are riunning to get their legs in shape for some good workouts.

The basketball warm-up equipment has arrived at last, and the basketball boys are going to be sporting it in their next game at Lyford. The jackets are solid purple except for the collar and sleeve cuffs, which are white. The jackets have W-E-S-L-A-C-O in white letters across the back, with the small white numbers on the top of the sleeve. The pants are solid purple with small white numbers on one leg. At the bottom, the legs gather and snap.

Cover. Color For LA PALMA Chosen

The color for the cover of the annual and the design were chosen by the annual staff recently. The color for the feature section and the first eight pages was also selected.

A number of sports pictures have been taken recently and staff members are preparing the second shipment to be sent to Steck Company February 7.

Four Journalists Recommended For Quill and Scroll

Four members of the HI-LIFE staff have been recommended for membership in Quill and Scroll, international honorary journalism society, by Miss Louise Black, sponsor. These are Jerry Waggoner, Ventura Castaneda, and Kenneth Jones, seniors; and Peggy Hull, junior.

These students have met the requirements for membership into the society by ranking in the top third of their classes scholastically, by having published at least 60 inches in the HI-LIFE, and by being recommended by their sponsor.

Applications will be sent to the Executive Secretary at Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois. If approved by him, pins and membershp cards will be sent.

Several other members of the staff are expected to meet this requirements by the end of the present six weeks' period.

What's Going On In Other Schools

According to the **Donna Tomahawk,** Donna now has a Teen-Age Canteen in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel.

Jobber: I can read my wife like a book.

Gabby: Yeah, but you can't shut her up like one.

Edinburg Bobcat

A ruffled school teacher demanded of a bright-eyed freshman how long he had studied his poorly-recited lesson.

"Well," drawled Larry Cook, "I studied from 'Blondie' until the 10 o'clock news."

Falfurrias Heart's Delight

An article in the **McAllen Wheel** said that George Strohmeyer, former Bulldog, has been chosen for the All-American second string team.

McAllen High School now has a magazine, **Salud,** to which students contribute essays, poems, short stories, and book reviews.

Teacher (to new pupil): "Now, I hope you thoroughly understand the importance of punctuation."

Pupil: "Oh, yes, indeed, I always get to school on time."

Popularity Contest To Be Held February 5-15; 15 Candidates To Be Selected Today

Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors Will Elect Five Nominees Each In Home Room

Election time is coming. Preparations for the popularity contest for LA PALMA are now complete, according to Peggy Hull and Ann Waller, feature editors.

Rules for the contest are the same as those used in previous years, with the exception of the system used in voting. Ballot boxes for each grade will be prepared, with the names of the students marked off the respective class rolls after voting. Other rules are as follows:

1. The candidates for the popularity contest will be the most beautiful girl, most popular boy, most popular girl, most handsome boy, and best all-around boy or girl. Five candidates, one for each of these positions, will be elected by the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes. For the best all-around pupil, there will be one candidate from each class. Either boy or a girl may be elected.

2. The Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes will meet in home rooms today, Wednesday, February 5, to nominate their candidates and to choose managers for them.

3. A special assembly will be held Wednesday, February 12, for the purpose of introducing the candidates. Each class will have 15 minutes to present its five candidates.

4. The contest will run from Wednesday, February 5, to Friday February 14, when voting will be held on the campus. Every student in junior and senior high will be allowed to vote with the exception of the sixth grade section.

5. Presidents of all classes or home rooms will hand in a complete roll of membership to Ballard Bennett or Miss Louise Black by Tuesday, February 11.

6. All candidates, to be eligible for election, must have been enrolled in W.H.S. for two full semesters preceding the contest. This rule was retained by vote of the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes during home room meeting last Friday, January 31.

The winners of the contest will be announced in the February 19 issue of the HI-LIFE, and full page pictures of them will be put in the "Favorites" section of the annual.

Five Seniors Will Take Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Exam

Five seniors have been chosen to take the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship examinations Friday, February 14, according to Principal A. C. Murphy. These students are Ballard Bennett, Juanita Cantu, Ventura Castaneda, Bondy Harmon, and Reece McAlpin.

This scholarship program, which was inaugurated in 1945, pays full tuition for four college years, a $25 monthly allowance while in college, all fees regularly charged to students, and traveling expenses at the rate of 3 cents a mile for one trip home each year.

A scholarship is offered to each of the two students making the highest grades in each state and the District of Columbia, and one each for Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. In addition, each of the five runners-up for each scholarship receives a certificate of merit worth $50 upon college entrance.

The examinations are general aptitude tests, which are to be administered by two high school staff members. Winners are selected on a competitive basis by the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board and will be announced April 18, 1947.

Senior Play Cast Chosen

McAlpin, Farina Have Leading Roles In Comedy

The cast for the Senior play, to be presented on February 28, was announced by Miss Anne Bauer, director, Monday, January 27, after try-outs had been completed. The cast is as follows:

Paul Jones, a boy who goes on a cram session—Jim McAlpin; Mrs. Jones, his mother—Glenna Ruth Holman; Mr. Jones, his father—Rubin Minton; Junior, the kid brother—Kenneth Jones; Mary, Paul's sister—Patsy McBride; Jack, Mary's boy friend—Ed Barnett; Jane, Paul's girl—Josephine Farina; Mr. Smudgely, the principal—Reece McAlpin; Anna, the maid—Dillie Nicklas; Lilah Jonson, a part of somebody's past—Rosalie Lively.

The play revolves around Paul, who is hoping to go to summer camp, where he will be with his girl, Jane; however, before he can do this, he must score at least 95 on his history exam. In his attempt to make good on his test he gets into serious jams, and the process of getting himself out proves to be hilarious.

Hobos Invade Fair City Of Weslaco

It's a tramp; it's a hobo! No, it's a Future Homemaker.

If you noticed hobos around Weslaco on Saturday, January 25, there is nothing to be excited about, because your fair city hasn't been taken over by tramps. The Future Homemakers' annual Hobo Day was Saturday, January 25. The girls in the club cared for children, ironed, and washed dishes, clothes, and cars in order to raise money.

Mrs. Jack Bain, sponsor, announced that $20.60 had been turned in by the time the HI-LIFE went to press.

Hi ya, kids! Here's the old dirt column again! This certainly has been one busy week-end!

It seems that MERCER GOODSON and KATHRYN CLECKLER have been hitting it off pretty well! Say now!

"CORKY" and BOBBY GOODY were together at the show in Mercedes Friday night. This wasn't the first time they've been together, either.

LAURETTA RYAN and ERNEST PATE have been seen together quite frequently lately!

A few of the couples at "Macbeth" were BETTY JUNE and NORMAN, BETTY LEE and DONALD, SUE ECCLES and ROGER FIKE, MARILYN McMANN and BOBBY HANKAL, CARLINE and ROBERT PICKARD, and JACKIE ALLEN and RAY JACKSON.

The usuals, HAL and PAT, "SCOTTY" and BALLARD, BETTY LEE and DONALD, PATTIE SUE and RAY, celebrated PAT'S birthday with a surprise dinner party Saturday night. Say, PAT, we really do like those pretty earbobs HAL gave you!

"WOODY" and BARBARA BOYCE (Donna) are certainly get tnig along well togethes! It's been rumored that they're together at least once every weekend!

VEN, who is the McAllen girl that attracts your attention so much??

Why was MARTIN so sad Friday afternoon? Could it have been because he and ELIDA have broken up? Don't worry, kids; you will make up again!

From all that's been said, it seems that NORMAN and ED aren't very good cooks! For further information ask BETTY JUNE and ANN.

JACKIE ALLEN was with her old flame, RONNIE ACKER (Mercedes) Saturday. Have you forgotten "RAY BOY" already?

HOMER and LORETTA were seen at the Drive-in Saturday night! Was the show good? Yakyak!

Well, farewell, dear friends, until next week.

You Have the Opportunity!

"But knowledge to their eyes her ample page
Rich with the spoils of time did ne'er unroll."
—Gray's "Elegy"

Yes, this was true of the people whom Thomas Gray described in his famous "Elegy." However, it is not true of a pupil in the study hall of a modern high school.

Some of the lucky students finish their studies and have time left over. Of these some of us spend our spare time day-dreaming, while others grasp the opportunity to read books with delight. Books, when read for thought, are entertaining as well as educational.

Through books we enjoy the vicarious adventures as though we were really experiencing them. Some books take our imagination on a world tour so that by the time we have finished them, we have traveled approximately 25,000 miles around the surface of the earth.

Other books, which we may not know are in our library. bring us stories of love, romance, chivalry, and battles.

Another type of book is the one that explains or teaches us how to do something. Everyone can profit by reading this kind.

Let's use our spare time in some way other than day-dreaming. Let's read the library books instead of gazing at them on the shelves.

Do We Need Traffic Signals?

Say, students, what impression do you suppose a visitor would get if he came to W.H.S. between periods? Do you think it would be a very good one? With everyone pushing and shouting at the top of his lungs, there is quite a bit of confusion. It isn't necessary to bang that locker door or to rush down the hall like a madman, is it?

Let's remember that we're not at Grand Central station, but at school. Weslaco High is a school that each and every student should be justly proud of, but can W.H.S. be proud of its students? After all, we studes are really the ones who make our school what it is—good or bad.

Weslaco High is no stronger than her weakest student, just as a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. Would you as an individual be ashamed for a visitor to come to our school between periods. or can W.H.S. be sincerely and justly proud of you?

Students Visit City Filtration Plant

Approximately thirty members of the second-period biology class went through the Filtration Plant north of Weslaco on their first field trip last Tuesday. Miss Josephine Dillard, who is from an engineering plant in Houston, showed the students every step in the purification of the city water.

The students went to the plant in cars and were accompanied by Mrs. Leila Carrothers, biology teacher.

Weslaco, Mercedes Plan G.R. Banquet

Weslaco and Mercedes Girl Reserves will hold the annual Sweetheart Banquet Saturday evening, February 15, in Mercedes. The banquet will be in the high school cafeteria and the dance in the gymnasuim.

Committees for the banquet were appointed at the last meeting, January 29.

Cagers Play Games With Donna, Lyford

The Weslaco Cagers played two games last week. They sustained a fifty per cent average for the week, losing one to Donna and winning the one with Lyford.

The game with Donna was on Wednesday afternoon. Both teams played a hard game; consequently the score was close. Time ran out on the Panthers, and the final whistle found the score 27-25 in the visitors' favor. Kelly and Led better were high point men for their respective teams.

The next day the Panthers journeyed to Lyford to tangle with the Bulldogs. Playing another close game and coming from behind, the Panthers won 19-16.

Another minor skirmish took place on the basketball court Friday afternoon. It was a benefit game between the juniors and seniors. The proceeds went to the March of Dimes. Though the juniors outplayed the seniors all over the court, they outscored them only one point. Potts and Bennett were the "hot-shots" on their respective teams.

It has been rumored around that the male members of the faculty will tangle with the basketball boys soon in another benefit game. The faculty will sport such "big wheels" as Hester and Henson.

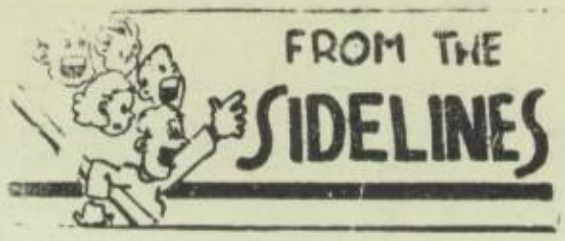
Unattached Boys, Beware! W.H.S. Gals Are on the Prowl!

Run for your lives, boys!

Or have you already been attacked by one of these girls looking for a date to the Girl Reserve Sweetheart Banquet that is taking place in Mercedes February 15?

All of the old "steadies" have dates, but the lone wolves are surely on the prowl. If you are approached by such a girl, humor her and go, because she is in a dangerous frame of mind!

Please don't forget to turn in your money by February 5, girls, because it would be embarrassing if you didn't turn it in before the dead-line—your "tall, dark, and Vansome" would be very disappointed.



The main sports event of last week was the junior-senior basketball game to benefit the March of Dimes. The juniors won with a nose-out score of 12-11. The game brought approximately $44. High point men were Ken Sherry for the juniors and Ballard Bennett for the seniors.

Ray Cleckler, Norman Watson, and Corky Block, the three toughies of the campus, weighed in for the Golden Gloves tournament that started Monday night. We wish them all the luck.

These windy days have made the football field popular with the younger boys. Every afternoon boys from the grade school come to fly their kites. Nice place to fly them, don't you think?

All track boys have their regular schedule now and will undergo some hard workouts. All 440-yard prospects will run 300, 400, and 600 yard races for endurance and speed, and run the 440 for time. The distance men will run long distances for endurance and short distances for speed.

Homemaking Dept. Adds Equipment

"A new hot-point-electric range has arrived and an electric refrigerator has been ordered for the Homemaking Department," stated Mrs. Jack Bain, Home Economics instructor.

During the coming weeks the Home Economics Department will be occupied with several activities. On February 6 it will entertain the Board of Education, with a dinner. Members of the clothing class will participate in a style show in the high school auditorium February 12.

Area Eight of the Future Homemakers will meet in Mercedes February 8, and Ella Dean Barber and Clara Faye Garnett will take part on the program.

17 F.F.A. Members Attend Stock Show In Houston

Seventeen Future Farmers of America and their sponsor, H. M. Smith, attended the annual stock show held in Houston January 31 and February 1. The group was accompanied by the F.F.A. boys from Pharr and their sponsor, C. E. Choate.

While in Houston the boys attended Gene Autry's Championship Rodeo and visited the Farmers' Market. Over 8,000 F.F.A. members from Texas were present at the stock show.

The boys who attended from Weslaco area are as follows:

Carl Ermel, Donald Miller, Raymond Smithy, Russell Vos, Dale Jackson, Dean Dillan, Weldon Strickland, Bill McKee, Donald Schultz, Bobby Bembow, Gene Barth, Charles McWhorter, Bob Mitchell, Darrel Schultz, Ray Dyer, Marion Rose, and Charles Tisdale.

Plans For Annual Banquet Made

Plans for the annual Girl Reserve Sweetheart Banquet to be held in the Mercedes Gym Saturday, February 15, were made at the regular meeting Tuesday, January 29, at the home of Patsy Martin, club president.

Candidates for the Girl Reserve Sweetheart were nominated. They were Hal Potts, Glen Martin, Jack Freasier, Donald Jenkines, Ballard Bennett, and John Ellis Sawyer. Voting for the candidates took place on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Miss Anna Moseson, Girl Reserve Secretary of the Valley, was also present at the meeting.

Bellamah To Attend State Convention

Joe Bellamah, band director, will attend the Texas Music Educators' State Convention in Galveston February 6-8. Headquarters will be in the Buccaneer Hotel.

Methods of teaching, contests, and other matters of interest will be discussed.

Hey, you! Are you busy? Well, settle back and let me tell you about W.H.S. this past week.

The Girl Reserve Sweetheart was elected yesterday, but no one knows who it is yet. I wonder whether it's Jack, Hal, "Snout," Ballard, or who? There was quite a bit of campaigning carried on. And did ya' know that Hal was the only JUNIOR? (Just couldn't resist a plug for the Junior Class!)

Say, do you prefer to wash dishes or mind babies? Would you rather play chess or work crossword puzzles? These and many more questions were asked on the preference tests given seniors and juniors last week.

With a score of 12 to 11 the juniors pretty well showed the seniors how to play basketball last Friday. What's the matter, seniors —gettin' old?

We have some prospective models at school, and I'll bet some of you didn't even know it. The Home Ec. department will sponsor a style show on February 12 in an assembly before the student body.

Say, those sweetheart verses were right clever, even though Miss Black did have to punctuate them correctly. Francis Hudson and Susie Eccles were responsible for them.

Have you seen the new warm-up jackets the Cagers have? They're really pretty, fellas!

What will Little Broadway do next? Monday afternoon and Tuesday new members were initiated and how! Say, Jenkines, you should go into business selling—, well, just selling!

You girls had better get your dates to the Sweetheart Banquet quick! 'Fore long all those big handsome men (?) will be gone.

Rev. Allen Roe Talks to WHS Students

Football Trophies Are Presented

"For every step in science we advance, we must take two steps forward in character buiding," stated the Rev. Allen C. Roe, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Weslaco, in his talk on "Youth Looks at the World" made in assembly last Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

At the beginning of his talk he gave these conclusions an air-traveler reached while flying over Cuba: (1) Cuba is only ten minutes wide; hence, the world is getting smaller by the minute because of faster travel; (2) We must have cooperation with other nations to secure lasting peace; and (3) if we would love others as ourselves, this peaceful world could be accomplished.

Man, who is not a puppet on the stage, but a moral creation of God, learns to choose the right and wrong sides of questions, he explained. Mr. Roe concluded by saying, "The world will be as the youth of the world want it."

This part of the assembly was presented by the Social Science Department.

Preceding the talk, Hal Potts sang "The Lost Chord," accompanied by Frances Hudson.

After the talk Hal made a short talk on the March of Dimes being sponsored by the Roliki Club.

Official presentation of the football trophies was made by L. R. Graham, superintendent of Mercedes Schools, and Joe H. Wilson, superintendent of Weslaco Schools. The two trophies were accepted by Coach Grady Hester and the two captains, Ballard Bennett and Jack Freasier. Brad Smith, editor of the WESLACO NEWS made pictures of the presentation and of the captains holding the trophies.

"Lay on, Macduff! We've Had Enough," Cracks Freshman

It was an interesting group that witnessed the tragedy "Macbeth" Tuesday night of last week in Harlingen.

Of the seventy-five that went, the most enthusiastic were the seniors, who had studied the play earlier this year. Some got so excited that they swallowed their gum, while others were content merely to quote line after line of Shakespeare before Macbeth got around to it.

Those who hadn't studied the great tragedy and therefore had not acquired a taste for the Bard of Avon drew unfavorable comment and ridicule from the seniors who insisted that these "critics" were uncultured peasants because of the slurring remarks they made throughout the play. This lack of culture is best illustrated by the wisecrack a lowly freshman made by mumbling that Macbeth should try oxydol when all Neptune's ocean failed to wash away the blood on his hands.

However, most of those that attended were greatly moved by Macbeth's tragic death, and, after the final curtain call, dragged themselves mournfully back to the bus, where in silent melanholy they opened their hearts and sang "Chickery Chick."

14 New Members Initiated Monday

Fourteen new members of Little Broadway were informally initiated into the club Monday afternoon February 3.

The initiates were made to go through various ordeals on the campus. The following day they appeared as farmer boys and girls wearing placards saying "I joined Little Broadway." They also performed for the student body on the steps of senior high at noon.

The formal initiation will be held at the club's next regular meeting.

Correction

The HI-LIFE staff regrets that the names of Carl Lobitz and Robert Fields were omitted from the third six-weeks' honor roll. The error was due to oversights by their home room teachers.

WHICH FIVE WILL REPRESENT W.H.S. IN ANNUAL? W.H.S. STUDENTS WILL DECIDE THIS QUESTION FRIDAY

Five of the students pictured above will be chosen Friday to represent W.H.S. in the feature section of LA PALMA. Representing most beautfiul girl, most handsome boy, most popular girl, most popular boy, and best all-around student respectively, left to right, bottom row: Rosalie Lively, Robert Hendrickson, Glenna Ruth Holman, Glen Martin, Reece McAlpin, seniors; second row: Betty June Boles, Kenneth Sherry, Ann Waller, Homer Ryan, Billy Joe Day, juniors; top row: Katherine Adkins, Robert Stoelk, Pattie Sue Schellhammer, Ray Jackson, Ray Bleckleer, sophomores.

Chalk Artist to Be In W.H.S. Feb. 26

Howard Ellis, chalk artist, will present a program February 26 in the high school auditorium, according to A. C. Murphy, principal.

The Rev. Allen Roe of the First Methodist Church of Weslaco will introduce Mr. Ellis, who will speak and draw pictures about his subject, religious work.

Bellamah, Students Attend Convention

Joe Bellamah, band director, Carl Lobitz, and Jimmy Hill left last Thursday morning to attend the Texas Music Educators' State Convention in Galveston February 6-8. They planned to return to Weslaco Saturday evening.

Style Show to Be Colorful Affair

The third year homemaking class will sponsor a style show entitled "Dolly's Daring Day Dreams" to be presented at 2 o'clock today in the junior high auditorium.

Dolly Dibrell will play the role of a school girl dreaming of her wardrobe. The narrator will be Patsy Martin. The program will include an acrobatic dance by Eloise Harrison, solos by Rubin Minton and Dillie Nicklas, and a number by the girls' trio.

Slacks, aprons, baby clothes, suits, coats, afternoon tea dresses, street dresses, sports dresses, evening gowns, school frocks, holiday dresses, and a dress made of cabbage leaves will be modeled by approximately eighty students and small children.

Dance Discussed At Meeting

A benefit dance to be given in March was discussed at the regular meeting of Little Broadway Tuesday, February 4. The money raised from this dance will be put into a fund to buy a new cyclorama.

The club voted to rewrite its constitution and to approve it at the next meeting.

Members cleaned the stage after the meeting.

Chorus Working on Difficult Piece

The High School Chorus is working on "The Kolo," a Jugo-Slav song. This number is a very fast and difficult piece, but the members voted unanimously to keep it.

Hi, there, what's new? Your reporter has quite a bit to tell you this week.

The chief topic of conversation around W.H.S. this week is the popularity contest. Classes met last Wednesday and chose candidates. It's really going to be close this year with all those swell kids running. The assembly will be Friday morning and voting will be on the campus at noon.

Congratulations are in order to Jimmy Hill and Carl Lobitz, who went to Galveston last week to play in the State Band. W.H.S. is really proud of these boys.

'Fore long Valentine's Day will be here. You girls had better refer to this week's editorial concerning said matter! (Good advice therein!)

More congrats are due Margaret Kobeck and Jean Barber, who were elected area representative to the state meeting and area vice-president, respectively at the meeting of the Future Homemakers in Mercedes Saturday. This is a very nice honor for both girls.

The F.F.A. boys are very grateful to the Weslaco Kiwanis Club, which paid their expenses to the Fat Stock show in Houston recently.

The HI-LIFE staff would also like to express their appreciation to the WESLACO NEWS for the various references given the school paper this year. Brad Smith editor of the NEWS, has made several favorable comments about the HI-LIFE, and this is very encouraging to journalists.

In an assembly this afternoon approximately eighty girls will model various clothes. Say, Mary Nelle, do you think you'll need any help? (Mary Nelle is stage manager, and she has to keep the small frys.)

Have all you girls asked boys to the Sweetheart Banquet? Well, it's too late now, for last Friday was the deadline. The Mercedes and Weslaco Girl Reserves will hold the banquet together in the Mercedes cafeteria and the dance in the Merceds gym this Saturday night.

Boy, those kids in the Band surely are lucky. They get to go to Charro days in Brownsville Thursday. Have a good time, kids.

Well, au revoir, adios, and bon voyage—or something like that.

"Roses Are Red, Violets Are Blue"—

Does Cupid have a magic wand of some kind? Perhaps he does, because he just can't be stopped from performing his "duties." Every year at this time we find him busily working at the job of mending broken hearts and trying to break others so that he can mend them again. He seems to get a big "kick" out of it, doesn't he?

Yes, the stores will be out of candy, especially those heart-shaped chocolate boxes. You lucky girls who have a "steady" had better treat him right, at least until Saturday, the day after St. Valentine's Day. Some of the less lucky ones might round up some of the wolves on the campus and see what they get.

As for the boys—well, I guess we just can't stop Father Time from coming to the fourteenth day of February every year. It's not so bad, after all, though, for "in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

Vote Your Choice Friday

Once again the time has come for the annual Popularity Contest, in which Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Classes all choose their candidates for the most beautiful girl, the most handsome boy, the most popular girl and boy, and the best all-around student, and present them for our approval.

The candidates were chosen by their classes last Wednesday at homeroom meetings. Friday morning they will be presented to the entire student body in assembly, and Friday noon will be election time.

Each student from the seventh through the twelfth grade will be allowed to vote. Remember, last year some studes with a misplaced sense of humor cast more than one vote or voted for students who were absent; hence the election had to be held again in homerooms. This year there will be a ballot box for each grade, and the students' names will be checked as they vote.

Be sure to vote; your candidates may win!

Cox to Replace Bain In Ho.-Ec. Dept.

Miss Berryl Cox has been employed in Weslaco High School to replace Mrs. Frances Bain, who recently resigned as instructor of the Home Economics Department.

Miss Cox, who is formerly from Mathis, Texas, attended Southwest Texas State Teachers' College in San Marcos. She was previously employed to teach the second grade Mathis Public Schools. She took over her position in W.H.S. last Monday.

Interscholastic League Contests To Be Held in Pharr

D. U. Buckner, superintendent of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo schools, was appointed director general of the Interscholastic League Meet to be held in Pharr March 28-29. Dave Coleman, P.S.J.A. coach, was appointed athletic director.

Softball and the literary meet will be held March 28, while track will be held March 29.

Other directors appointed are as follows:

Debate, Joe Wilson, Weslaco; declamation, J. B. Smith, La Feria; extemporaneous speech, H. C. Baker, Rio Grande City; spelling, Forrest Groves, Donna; ready writing, Miss Louise Black, Weslaco; one act play, Leon R. Graham Mercedes; number sense, Jack Porter, Lyford; choral singing, H. A. Barber, Mission; slide rule, B. L. Blankenship, Mercedes; and shorthand and typing J. C. Brandt, Raymondville.

Best Teacher In Nation Will Win $2,500

Students Also Have Chance to Win 602 Cash Prizes

Hey studes, don't get excited if the teachers bring you appies to school. There's a reason.

A nation wide contest is being sponsored by the Quiz Kids program and Radio Station KRGV. Teachers want to be recommended because "The Best Teacher of 1947" wins a cash prize of $2,500 for advanced study at any college or university, and the three next best teachers each get an award of $500. Students are to write letters on "The Teacher Who Has Helped Me Most" if that teacher is still teaching. No help is allowed from the parents or teacher.

Students also win prizes. First prize is $100, second prize $50, the next 100 best letters each receive $10, and the next best 500 letters are given $1 each. Also all 602 prize winners will receive Quiz Kids gold keys making them honorary Quiz Kids.

The student must tell clearly and honestly how the teacher helped him, must include his age, name, grade, and school and the name of his teacher and school. The ietters which may be any length, should be addressed to "The Best Teacher Contest," either in care of KRGV, Weslaco, Texas, or to the Quiz Kids, Chicago, Illinois. The contest closes on midnight of March 8, 1947.

Dr. Paul Witty, professor of education at Northwestern University, Dr. Willard Olson, professor of education and psychology and director of Research in Child Development at the University of Michigan, and the Rev. Philip S. Moore, dean of the Graduate School of Notre Dame University, will judge the letters submitted.

Pismo: "Why the tooth brush in your lapel?"

Gismo: "It's my class pin. I go to colgate!"

Paid Your Poll Tax? You Don't Have To To Vote Friday

Have you paid your poll tax? Well, don't worry, because it isn't necessary in this election. If your class president has turned in the roll, you are eligible to vote.

Each class, the seventh through the twelfth, will have a separate ballot box. As you vote, your name will be checked off the roll.

The following students will be in charge of the ballot boxes: Senior—Kenneth Jones and Woody Harmon; Junior—Doris Jean Potts and Jean Barber; Sophomore — Kitty Sue Allen and Doreen Yoder; Freshman—Pat Keen and Norman Watson; Eighth—Jackie Allen and Peggy Hull; Seventh—Julius Knebel and Jerry Waggoner.

Cagers Win One Game Out of Two Played

The Weslaco Cagers won one out of the two games played last week, winning over Stuart Place and losing to Rio Grande City.

In the game with Stuart Place the Panthers took an early lead in the first quarter and held it throughout the game to win 39-34. The game was played at Stuart Place at 4 o'clock Wednesday. Waggoner was the high scorer of the game with 15 points; Cleckler ran second with 10 points.

Rio Grande City stomped the Panthers in the second game with the score of 24-9. At the half the Panthers were losing 2-8, but in the third quarter they almost caught the Rattlesnakes. The third quarter ended with the score 9 to 12. The Rattlesnakes then broke loose and scored 12 more points in the last quarter. The game ended 24-9.

Raymondville will be the first opponent for the Panthers in the district basket ball tournament to be held in the Mercedes gym February 18-22. This game will be played Tuesday, February 18, at 9 o'clock. The rest of the games will be scheduled by the winners of the games. A double elimination will decide the winners.

15 Nominees Chosen From Classes

Five to Be Elected By Balloting

Fifteen candidates were chosen for the popularity contest by the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes in home room meetings Wednesday, February 5.

Five students from each class will run for the positions of most beautiful girl, most handsome boy, most popular girl, most popular boy, and best all-around boy or girl.

Candidates from the three classes are as follows:

Seniors: Most beautiful girl, Rosalie Lively; most handsome boy, Robert Henricksen; most popular girl, Glenna Ruth Holman; most popular boy, Red Martin; best all-around boy, Reece McAlpin; campaign manager, Julius Knebel.

Juniors: Most beautiful girl, Betty June Boles; most handsome boy Kenneth Sherry; most popular girl, Ann Waller; most popular boy, Homer Ryan; best all-around boy, Billy Joe Day; campaign manager, Susie Eccles.

Sophomores: Most beautiful girl, Katherine Adkins; most handsome boy, Robert Stoelk; most popular girl, Pattie Sue Schellhammer; most popular boy, Ray Jackson; best all-around boy, Ray Cleckler; campaign manager, Zoe Barbee.

Because of the Home Economics style show today and the Band's attending Charro Days tomorrow, the assembly presenting the candidates will be held Friday morning instead of today as previously announced. Voting will take place on the campus at noon Friday.

Mrs. Robertson: "What do you know about Atlas?"

Ann Waller: "He was the world's greatest gangster."

Mrs. Robertson: "Gangster? Where ddi you get that idea?"

Ann Waller: "The history book says he held up the world."

Wolfrahundra and Cupid Involved in Mortal Battle

The scene is February 13, one day before St. Valentine's Day; and what do you think of on St. Valentine's Day? Why, Cupid, of course. Speaking of that plump little fellow with the golden lock, who do you suppose it is that's merrily stringing his bow in anticipation of another successful trip on the morrow?

As we draw nearer to this great est archer of all time, we find him innocently sharpening his arrows, confidently expecting them to bring down in defeat some nice, strong boy or innocent lass who might happen to be in radar range of each other; and why shouldn't he? Since the beginning of time he has methodically one by one thinned out the herd of those blissfully few who have managed to take cover from his never ceasing rain of arrows. (Who knows? Maybe you will be next!)

However, little does this symbol of innocence, purity, and love know that dark forces of evil are plotting, for the first time in the history of the world, his ruin. The question is, will they succeed? Will the forces of evil overcome those of love and innocence? If it is possible, it will take the ultimate in wickedness to accomplish this phenomenal feat. But is it possible??? (Chuckle, chuckle, what do you think?

The scene changes. It is one night later. We find a boy and girl sitting on the bleachers at the football field innocently watching a beautiful full moon climb above the athels. Suddenly this scene of peaceful tranquility is interrupted with a rustling of wings. As we turn our heads, a twang from a released bowstring breaks the peaceful silence, and two arrows leap through the night air on their mission of destruction to bury themselves with an unmerciful vengeance in the hearts of our two victims. Oh, tragedy of tragedies. Cupid has struck again. The boy and girl have fallen in love. (Do you stlil expect a happy ending? Be patient, be patient)

However, if we had not turned our heads the moment Cupid struck, we would have seen a horrible and appalling scene. For out of that beautiful full moon, gliding in softly from that other world where darkness reigns and terror rules the roost, came Wolfrahundra, the master of evil. Like a dark cloak he cast his spell over the blissful couple. For a brief moment two powers cleared, and to our horror we saw a demoralizing sight. He had slipped a ring onto the birl's finger!

Happily Cupid sailed away, thinking himself once more the victor, while Wolfrahundra, chuckling fiendishly, vaporized into the full moon, knowing that he was the true winner. For the ring that the boy had slipped on the girl's finger was his senior ring, the one for which he had shaked fifteen bucks, the one he would never see again. Good-by, justice; the master of evil has triumphed again!

Well, studes, the 'ole VACUUM CLEANER is in the repair shop today. The poor thing was kept so busy over the weekend sweeping up all the dirt that it is just completely exhausted.

Friday night was the gala scene for the "Kid Dance" held by the Episcopal League. Having a wonderful time were CARLINE LOBITZ and ROBERT PICKARD, KATHERINE CLECKLER and MERCER GOODSON, LORETTA SHIELDS and HOMER RYAN, FRANCES HUDSON and ROGER FIKE, SUE ECCLES and DONALD CHANDLER, and MARILYN McMANN and BOBBY HANKAL.

This one rather confuses the CLEANER. EVA MAE was with CHARLES "POLLY" and BILLY JOE was with EMMA JEAN BARBER Friday night. My! My!

SCOOP!! ANN WALLER and ED FISHER are, as of Friday night, going steady! Isn't this rather sudden? I though that ANN had a date with MILLER.

BETTY JEAN VOELKEL was with DIZZY (Donna) over the weekend. Nice going!

It's no wonder the bed fell in at 'EN'S "slumberless" party Friday night. There were only ten girls on it!

SCOOP NUMBER 2: JACKIE ALLEN and "RAY BOY" JACKSON are in the fad. They, too, are going steady.

SCOOP NUMBER 3: LAURETTA RYAN and EARNEST PATE are going steady! My! My!

Hey, VEN, it looks as if you and RITA have broken up for good! I hear that you were with LUCY McAllen) twice over the weekend.

WILMA MINTON and MARY CATHERINE WAY were with soldiers over the weekend. Wow!

KENNETH SHERRY seemed to have a wonderful time popping corn in San Benito over the weekend. What were the rest of the kids doing?

PAT KEEN was with BOOTS COMPERE Friday night. What time did you get home, PAT?

Well, dear friends, that's all for now. See ya' next week. P.S. Since it's the fad, won't somebody go steady with me?

Homemakers Attend Area Meet

Margaret Kobeck was elected as nominee for a state office, and Emma Jean Barber was chosen vice president of Area VI at the area meeting of the Future Homemakers held in the Mercedes High School Auditorium Saturday, February 8.

Approximately nine hundred members of the Future Homemakers attended the all-day meeting.

Annatole Morrsion, president of Area VI, presided at the meeting. Reports were given by various officers, and the Mercedes Choral Club and band entertained the group.

Lunch was served in the Mercedes Cafeteria.

Approximately thirty-five from Weslaco attended the meeting.

Advice for speakers: Be sincere; be brief; be seated!

Didja hear about the little moron who:

Wanted to die with his boots on so he wouldn't stub his toe when he kicked the bucket.

THE BEAR'S TAIL

Exchange Editors Rustle For News

Students of W.H.S., being no different from other people, are interested in what's going on in other schools. The two enterprising exchange editors of the HI-LIFE thus diligently delve into other school papers. Here are their latest findings:

On Hobo Day the Harlingen Future Homemakers earned $73.-75. The Freshmen Class of Mercedes High School sold -Love-o-Grams last week. All proceeds were donated to the choir for the purchase of robes. The students and teachers of Falfurrias schools contributed $81.88 to the polio drive.

The Boy Scouts of Falfurrias will celebrate National Boy Scout Week, which is February 7 to February 13.

The seniors of P.-S.J.-A. are planning their annual trip to Monterrey.

A good way to end this is to pass on the piece of advice found in the Greeley, Colorado, **College High Courier:** "Use your head; even the person who invented spaghetti used a noodle"!

Little Broadway Adopts Revised Constitution

A new constitution, recently written by a special committee, was read and approved at the regular meeting of Little Broadway Tuesday, February 18, in the junior high auditorium. This constitution will replace the old one adopted when the club was formed.

Radio programs to be given over KRGV for the next fifteen Saturdays were discussed. Sue Eccles was appointed chairman of a committee to select a program for the first broadcast.

Committees for the benefit dance to be given in March were also appointed.

Exams to Be Given Next Week

Six weeks' exams will be given any time during the week of February 24-28, according to A. C. Murphy, principal. The day for each exam will be set by the individual teacher. Report cards will be issued in homerooms March 6.

Juniors Win Three Out of Five Places in Popularity Contest

Sophomores Elect Two Candidates; Adkins Defeats Lively by Only Five Votes in Race for Beautiful Girl

For the second consecutive year the Junior Class won a majority of three out of five in the annual Popularity Contest sponsored by LA PALMA by electing Ann Waller as most popular girl, Kenneth Sherry most handsome boy, and Billy Joe Day best all-around student.

The Sophomore Class followed through with the other two: Katherine Adkins as most beautiful girl, and Bobby Ray Jackson as most popular boy. The Seniors did not place; however the contest was a close one.

Closest race in the contest was for the title of most beautiful girl, Katherine (or "Kay Kay") defeating Rosalie Lively, senior, by only five votes. The closest was between Ray Cleckler and Billy Joe Day for best all-around student. Billy Joe defeated Ray by only six votes, while Reece McAlpin ran close behind, lacking eleven votes of having as many as the winner.

Winning candidates are all prominent on the W.H.S. campus. Ann is vice-president of the Science Club, reporter for the Band, member of the Girl Reserves and of the LA PALMA and HI-LIFE staffs, and secretary-treasurer of Little Broadway. She was assistant editor of the HI-LIFE last semester and reporter of the Sophomore Class last year.

Kenneth was manager of the '46 football team, is a member of the Roliki Club, and business manager of the HI-LIFE and LA PALMA.

Billy Joe played center on the football team during the 1946 season, and back during 1945.

Katherine is a well-known sophomore.

Ray played on the football team during 1946 until he was injured in a fall from a truck. He was named the Girl Reserve Hero at their annual Football Banquet.

Balloting was held last Friday at noon on the campus. The classes presented their candidates Friday morning during an assembly held first period, and students reported to their class voting boxes between 12:30 and 1 o'clock to name their choice in candidates. Approximately twenty-five votes had to be thrown out because the students failed to sign their names to their ballots.

The five winners of the contest will have full page pictures in LA PALMA, Weslaco school annual.

Informal Coffee Honors Miss Cox

An informal coffee honoring Miss Beryl Cox, new Home Economics teacher, was given by the Homemaking department last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The guests, members of the junior-senior high school faculty, were greeted by Sally Nicklas, Mary Sue Hampton, Mrs. Frances Bain, and the honoree, Miss Cox.

Refreshments were served buffet style from a prettily appointed tea table, both refreshments and decorations carrying out the Valentine motif.

On behalf of the faculty, A. C. Murphy, principal, presented Mrs. Bain, who resigned recently, with a hammered aluminum tray.

After the coffee, guests were shown the new Hotpoint electric range and the Hotpoint refrigerator recently purchased for the Homemaking department.

Assisting in hostess duties were Nancy Solether, Martha Ann Knapp, Kathryn Eoff, Helen Haynes, Naomi Tisdale, Hilda Rodriguez, Tommy Sue Bartley, Joveta Johnson, Belen Garza, Gwen Johnson, and Peggy Geraughty.

Seniors selected their invitations last week. This year's invitations will have etchings of the building on them.

ADKINS, SHERRY, WALLER, JACKSON, DAY WIN IN ANNUAL LA PALMA CONTEST

Pictured above are the winners of the popularity contest. They are, top row, left to right, Katherine Adkins, sophomore, most beautiful girl; Kenneth Sherry, junior, most handsome boy; Ann Waller, junior, most popular girl; bottom row, left to right, Ray Jackson, sophomore, most popular boy; and Billy Joe Day, junior, best all-around student.

These students were nominated by their respective classes and were elected by the studnt body last Friday through secret ballot.

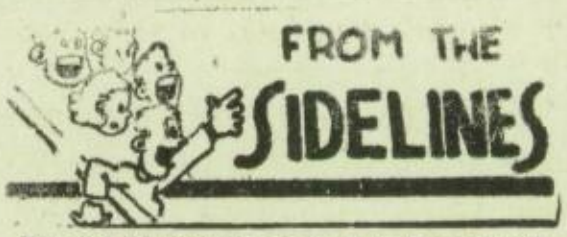
The closest race was that be tween Katherine Adkins and Rosalie Lively, senior. Katherine won the title of most beautiful girl by five votes.

Seven Candidates Nominated for Band Sweetheart

Seven candidates for Band Sweetheart were nominated Tuesday, February 11, during the third period in the Band House.

Those nominated were Doreen Yoder, Sue Thompson, Francis Hudson, Emma Jean Barber, Ella Dean Barber, Eva Mae Betts, and Shirley Bullard.

Band members elected the sweetheart last Wednesday by secret ballot, but her identity will not be known until the dance to be given in her honor. The date has not yet been announced.



Blood thirsty? No! He had rather box than eat. Baldwin Thompson boxes for about twenty-five minutes every day during the sixth period with anyone that has ever had a pair of boxing gloves on. Thompson is champion of the sixth period.

Members of the track team are going through some very stiff workouts in prepartion for track meets to be held in March.

The Purple Cagers are making a fine record for W.H.S. in basketball this year. For the past two years the cagers won a total of three games; whereas, this year they have already won six. The cagers still have the district tournament to go through. Best of luck to you, basketeers!

Explorer: "We were surrounded by savages. They uttered awful cries and beat the ground with their clubs."

Weary Listener: "Golfers, probably."

"Was it a good show?" the man in the audience was asked.

"Not bad at all," he answered. "They advertised a beauty chorus of 60, and not one of them looked a day over 55."

"Fashions of '47" Presented By Students

Show Pronounced Colorful; Music Adds Background

Dolly Dibrell portrayed the role of a school girl dreaming of her past wardrobe, and Patsy Martin was narrator, describing each ensemble.

Clothes for all occasions including street dresses, suits, sports dresses, slacks, evening gowns, school frocks, and holiday dresses were modeled by approximately eighty students and children.

Among the variety of fashions which attracted much attention was the dress made by the homemaking classes entirely of cabbage leaves and modeled by Katherine Adkins. Wilma Minton, attired in a white satin evening gown, also challenged attention.

Frances Hudson furnished a musical background on the piano. While various groups of costumers were being shown, appropriate music was rendered as follows: "Some Sunday Morning," "Easter Parade," and "A Pretty Girl," by the girls' trio; "For Sentimental Reasons," by Rubin Minton; "All of My Life," by Dillie Nicklas; and "Always," by Rubin and Dillie. Eloise Harrison, dressed in a bunny suit, did an acrobatic dance, and Tillie Garcia danced to the music of a Mexican selection.

The clothes which were modeled by the students were either made by the homemaking girls or were exhibited by courtesy of various Weslaco stores.

A floral decoration of green and yellow, which included palm leaves, fern, moss, and lattice work, furnished an attractive setting for the stage. A promenade extending from the stage to the aisle was used by the models in exhibiting the clothes.

The style show was under the direction of Mrs. Jack Bain and Mary Nelle Davenport, stage manager.

Citizens of W.H.S. Go to Polls

A milestone that will long be remembered in W.H.S. was reached last Friday and placed among our other cherished memories. At noon when the students went to vote, it was just like the citizens of a city going to the polls to cast their ballots.

Each class from the seventh through the twelfth grade had a roster or class roll from which the names of the students were checked as they voted. This same method is used at the City Hall when our parents go to vote.

If we should compare our election with a city election, we would find that the campagins are pracitcally the same. Both of these elections have either a campaign manager or friends and supporters who work continually to present their candidates to the students or the citizens.

The assembly introducing the candidates to the student body last Friday had all of the enthusiasm of a Republican or Democratic convention presenting the candidates to the delegates.

We should really be proud of W.H.S. for its democratic type of government. Weslaco High is just a little world, and its citizens, we students, will be the citizens of the world of tomorrow.

Congrats Are In Order!

This week congratulations go to the Home Economics students and their sonsor, Mrs. Jack Bain, for the style show which they produced Wednesday of last week.

W.H.S. is really proud to have such talented students as Dillie Nicklas, Rubin Minton, Emma Jean and Ella Dean Barber, and Loretta Shields, who sang various numbers; Frances Hudson, who played; Tillie Garcia, who danced the "Mexcian Hat Dance;" Eloise Harrison, who performed several acrobatic feats; and all the students who participated in this colorful affair.

We were indeed glad to have among us a number of visitors, who we are sure enjoyed this event as much as the student body did. It's too bad that we can't have a night performance in order that more members of this community could have an opportunity to see the style show.

To the Home Economics Department and to its supervisor, Mrs. Bain, we extend our sincere congratulations.

Farewell Party For Mrs. Bain Given

A surprise farewell party was given for Mrs. Frances Bain by the girls that were in the style show and the Home Ec. classes last Friday afternoon after school.

The girls presented Mrs. Bain with a glass tray having a floral design engraved on the bottom of it.

Refreshments of pineapple juice and cake squares topped with red hearts were served.

15 Students Reach 30 Words in Typing

Fifteen typing students have already passed the 30 word mark, according to Miss Louise Williams typing teacher. Joveta Johnson, sophomore, has reached the highest speed this year, with 68 words per minute.

Typing students began typing to the rhythm of music last week, and this week they are typing personal and business letters.

INTERVIEWING THE FAMOUS IS NO EASY JOB!

The students of W.H.S. just don't appreciate us (sob). We work ourselves to death trying to get a sensational story (sob), and all we get is a (sob) bang-!

Yes, dear friends, you have just read the detailed account of the end of an attempted interview with a famous personality Thursday by several weary but ambitious W.H.S. reporters in their attempt to become eligible for Quill and Scroll.

In case you didn't know, Xavier Cugat was in Brownsville during Charro Days, and yours truly, along with two or three other reporters, decided that Mr. Cugat should be interviewed for the HI-LIFE.

Happily the first reporter decided to get a scoop and interview Cugat by herself. She bravely sneaked into the El Jardin Hotel lobby and to her surprise, found Mr. Cugat calmly standing there. This was the first attempt:

Reporter: "Mr. Cugat, my name is Ann Waller, and I would like to have a short interview with—"

Cugat: "What did you say your first name is?"

Reporter: "Ann—," and she was politely handed a paper stating "To Ann, Xavier Cugat!"

Reporter: "Thank you, Mr. Cugat, but I'd like to interview—"

Cugat: "I'm sorry; I must go to the bullfights."

This did not discourage her. She patiently waited until afternoon, when Cugat was asleep, and tried again. This time she found him in his hotel room. This was the second attempt:

Cugat: "Who's there?"

Reporter: "Have you any time for a short interview now?"

Cugat: "Well, you know that I was born in Spain?"

Reporter: "Yes, sir. What do you think of the Valley?"

Cugat: "I like it, but I came here to **rest!**"

Reporter: (leaving quickly) "Thank you, Mr. Cugat."

Well, studes, then yours truly tried. Arriving at his hotel room with another reporter friend, we knocked; and Mr. Cugat quickly answered the door but to our surprise, he had no shirt on! As you guessed, he was just shaving, and we could get our interview in the lobby when he finished dressing. However, as we were going to hear the Pittsburg Symphony in Harlingen, we were forced to give up.

Of course, we tried to get an interview with Fritz Reigner, conductor, bht we arrived backstage only to be hopelessly turned back; the men were dressing!

Hereafter, the HI-LIFE staff hopes that you will take note of the features. Goodness knows, we go to enough trouble to get them.

Greetings, gates! How's every little thing? Your old cleaner really picked up the dirt last week!

First, let's take a run down to Mercedes! Seen at the Sweetheart Banquet were WILMA WALKER and BURTON, FRANCES and MILLER, LORETTA and R. L., EMMA JEAN and CORKEY, CAROLYN GOODSON and DICK CHENIK, ROSALIE and JACK, and many more.

FLASH! EVA MAE and BILLY JOE are going steady. It seems that this is getting to be a fad in W.H.S.

Say, something new has been added! DONALD CHANDLER and SUE ECCLES seemed to be having a good time together Friday night! It's too bad she's a Yankee, DON!

CARLINE, you'd better find some new "flirtin' fluid"! DORIS JEAN was with LENDON at Charro Days.

ELLA DEAN and MAURICE were together Friday and Saturday nights. Oh, wow!

DOREEN was having a good time at the carnival Charro Days. It couldn't be because BILLY GRIFFIN was along! Or could it?

I wonder if DAVID ROBERTSON missed the band bus Thursday because of a certain Brownsville girl!

Gee, it's certainly nice to have a boy friend around Valentine Day! Ask CARLINE, ZOE, and JACKIE, who all received candy, i fyou don't believe me!

Speaking of candy, the younger generation is doing all right, too! MARY WALLER received a box of Hersheys from a boy in Kingsville.

KETCHA LOPEZ was having a gay ole time in Mexico over the weekend.

Well, chums, the Vacuum is empty now, but there will be more dirt next week!!!

At long last the popularity contest is over and through! The skits were presented last Friday morning, and voting was held on the campus at noon. I'll bet the five days from Friday to Wednesday were the longest our candidates ever went through! Well, it's all past now. Congrats to the winners. — Kay Kay, Kenneth, Ann, Billy Joe, and Ray Boy.

Those G.R.'s can really get down and work when they have to, can't they? The result of their intense labor was a beautiful, well-planned Sweetheart Banquet and dance last Saturday night in the Mercedes cafeteria and gym respectively. Hal Potts, W.H.S. junior, was crowned sweetheart of the Weslaco G.R.'s, while Bob Steer received Mercedes' crown.

Did you all notice an especially well-polished floor in the Mercedes gym? Well, you see, our own Jody, industrious soul, undertook the polishing job herself—with the aid of a few more girls!

Welcome to W.H.S., Miss Cox. Mrs. Jack Bain, former Home Economics teacher, resigned last week and was replaced by Miss Cox. We'll miss you, Mrs. Bain.

Open the door, Richard!! Have you heard that sung out by throaty Weslaco High School-ites lately? It seems to be the current fad around school for the last week or three. What would we do without Kilroy, Mairsy Dotes, or the new "Richard?" I guess all these things go to make high school what it is.

On behalf of the faculty and entire student body, we should like to express sympathy to Van Sidener on the death of his mother.

"Almost Summer," Senior Play, to Be Given Friday February 28, at S.F.A. School

Production Expected to Offer Hilarious Entertainment

There will be laughs galore and an evening of relaxation for those who attend "Almost Summer," three-act comedy by Christopher Sergel, which will be presented by the Senior Class in the Stephen F. Austin Auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday night, February 28. Admission will be 30 cents for students and 50 cents for adults, both including tax.

The scene is the living room of the Jones home three days before school is out. The Jonses, composed of Mr. Jones, Rubin Minton; Mrs. Jones, Glenna Ruth Holman; Mary Jones, Patsy McBride; and Junior Jones, Kenneth Jones, is a typical American family.

Paul has been planning the summer to be spent at the lakes with his girl, Jane, played by Jody Farina, when Mr. Smudgley, principal of the school, portrayed by Reece McAlpin, notifies him that he has to make at least 95 on his history exam to be in the upper third of his class—a condition the university requires for entrance.

This is terrible news. If he doesn't make this 95, he will have to attend summer school and let Jane go to the lakes, where Kane Cramer, who has a new convertible, will be. Paul doesn't want Jane to go with Kane; consequently he decides that the only way out is a cram session. However, complications set in.

And do they set in!! Anna, the maid, played by Dillie Nicklas, seems always to be in a rampacious mood when Paul is on one of his cram sessions. Jack, a friend of Paul, portrayed by Ed Barnett, helps Paul cram until he decides to do other things. Lilah Johnson (Rosalie Lively) is a cute girl who turns up in somebody's past, much to the disappointment of a certain person.

Miss Anne Bauer, speech teacher, is director of the production, with Patsy Martin assisting her as student director.

Committees for the play were appointed recently by Mrs. Fred Robertson and Mrs. Lelia Carrothers, sponsors, and Miss Bauer.

The stage crew is headed by Jack Freasier. Other members are Maurice Clevinger, Baker Osborne, Jerry Waggoner, and John E. Sawyer.

Ballard Bennett is chairman of the properties committee, with Red Martin, Ed McLeaish, and Norman Watson as assistants.

The make-up committee is headed by Eloise Harrison, with Mildred Pate, Barbara Crosby, Viola Villarreal, and Lucille Purl assisting her

Bondy Harmon, chairman, Ventura Castaneda, Juanita Cantu, Donald Jenkines, and Herminia Guerra compose the publicity committee.

Mildred Pate, Maria Alvarez, Anadelia Garza, Oralia Morales, Elia Perez, Janet Rankin, and Rosemary Jennings make up the house committee.

James Forrest is in charge of lighting and the curtain.

Julius Knebel is chairman of the sound effects, with Bill Ford as helper.

W.H.S. Cagers Take Third Place In Tournament

The Weslaco cagers took third place in the district 32A basketball tournament held in the Mercedes gym February 18-22. Mercedes won first place by defeating Pharr 57-38 in the closing game of the tournament Saturday night at 9 o'clock. Pharr was second place winner.

The Panthers were classed as the underdogs in all the games and weren't expected to win any of their scheduled affairs. Although losing to Pharr in the semi-finals by a score of 29-31, they were one of the scrappiest teams from Weslaco to take the court.

Outstanding for the Panthers were Jerry Waggoner and Ray Cleckler. Jerry was the high point man in all the games except the one with Rio Grande City, in which Ray was the high point scorer.

The games Weslaco played in the tournament are as follows:

	We	They
Raymondville	29	24
Mercedes	14	28
Rio Grande City ..	26	25
La Feria	25	19
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo	29	31

Eight F.F.A. Boys Attend District Banquet

Celebrating National and State Future Farmer Week, approximately 175 Future Farmers of the Valley attended their district meeting in Pharr Friday, February 21. Eight boys and their sponsor, M. N. Smith, were present from Weslaco.

A banquet was held in the Pharr High School Cafeteria. Following the banquet a program, given by five F.F.A. Chapters in the Valley, was presented. The principal speaker of the evening was W. H. Friend from the Experiment Station in Weslaco. C. D. Parker, area supervisor of F.F.A., and Leon Kreidel from the A. & I. College were also guests.

The boys who attended from Weslaco were as follows:

Gene Barth, Bill McKee, Pat Klag, Donald Miller, Carl Ermel, Albert Hinojosa, Cruz Perez, and Fred Ray Jones.

Adams Addresses Roliki Club Feb. 19

Glenn Adams, president of the 20-30 Club, made a short talk on the history and projects of his club last Wednesday to the Roliki Club.

One of the outstanding projects of this group is the sponsoring of a safety campaign, with twelve Safety Sallys distributed at intersections around the school grounds.

AS I SEE IT, this last week found W.H.S. pretty busy. Settle back, and let me tell you about all the goings-on.

Those publicity hounds kept Doreen on the run taking their pictures. Pals, snaps, and several club pictures were taken on the campus Thursday.

Those football jackets are beautiful, boys. Even though the weather is regular summer weather, most of the boys sport their jackets to school, **and keep them on** all day! A few of the girls have already taken their boyfriends' jackets. How about that, Ray Boy?

Some day, along with our long-awaited gym and new bleachers, we may have an active Student Council and school constitution. Our present Council is hard at work writing the constitution for the day when you junior high studes will be in high school.

Have you forgotten that the "who's who" contest is right around the corner? Be looking for the laziest boy, wittiest stude, and so on, in your class.

This old world just runs in circles. Six weeks' exams are here AGAIN, and that dreaded—report-card-day is just around the corner.

Kids on the LA PALMA staff were on the job early Saturday morning; however, something was missing — Doreen with the pictures! Nevertheless, in she came after a short while, and several more pages were finished. Our photographer, Mr. Yoder, has been rushed at times this year, but he has always given us excellent pic tures.

The Seniors may be seen consuming great quantities of food between acts every afternoon. All work ann no FOOD makes Jack a dull boy. The play is this Friday night, so let's all attend.

"Hey, Judy, will you go to the dance with me?" Well, it's the Girl Reserve Boyless dance to be held March 7 with Mercedes and Donna. Get your dates early, girls. Also on the G.R. agenda is a week-end at camp with the same two towns; however, the date is not definite yet.

What's the matter, Seniors? The Juniors just walked away with the popularity contest last week, and the Sophs were right there with one less. Now, we aren't bragging or anything, but results more or less prove which class is the best in school! Better luck in college, kids. (Editor's note: We had to give the Juniors a chance. The Seniors are tired of having all the honors.)

With that last slurring remark (and so that I can get a good start on the Seniors!), I shall say adieu! Adieu!

Try to Sell It!

What would the world be if everyone were allowed to do as he pleases?

Chaos and tumult would be the tyrants of the world, as they sometimes have been because a Hitler or Mussolini was not stopped in time.

Even our school would not be recognized as an institution of learning if all of us took our liberties. Some of us have as our pet diversion autographing desks. Others of us like to block traffic in the halls.

However, writing wisecracks in magazines has become a nuisance in the study hall. Miss Jean Spratt, librarian, has had to put up the magazines, since some students with a misplaced sense of humor and no regard for property rights have been commenting on pictures.

Let's all learn to appreciate periodical literature and cooperate with Miss Spratt in the proper use of the magazines. If some of you think you are good artists or cartoonists, send your work in to some magazine. **Perhaps** they will take it.

Hey! Keep OFF the Grass!

"Hey, you! Don't walk on the grass! What do you think the sidewalks were made for?" This seems to have become the battle cry of the Science Club members. During the past few weeks many W.H.S. studes have heard this yell.

The Science Club is sponsoring this campus beautification grass-planting project as one of the activities of the club members. The ground west of the Science Department has been sodded and a sign, "Please keep off the grass," posted.

The club asks that we students please not walk on the grass, but use the sidewalks. W.H.S. has a very pretty campus; and if we co-operate with this project, it will be even prettier. It's worth it, isn't it? Well, let's try it!!

Science Club Gets Enlarger, Printer

Five members of the Science Club are now furthering their work in photography, according to Carl Lovett, sponsor.

A new Federal enlarger and a Champion 5x7 Contact Printer, purchased by the Science Club, have been received and installed recently in the school darkroom.

Those engaged in photography work are Doreen Yoder, Ann Waller, Betty Lee Crawford, Betty June Boles, and Glennis Adkins. Each of these is required to produce five good pictures a week in order to remain a member of the club.

Theme song for the next Peace Conference will be: "To Each His Zone."

HOT OR COLD, WEATHER DOESN'T MATTER WHEN PANTHERS' FOOTBALL JACKETS ARRIVE

PICTURED ABOVE is what the well dressed students are wearing these days around the campus. The jackets were presented in assembly Tuesday, February 18. Though the boys were forced to swelter a few days when temperatures rose to mid-summer levelus, they were relieved last Thursday when a norther conveniently blew in.

W.H.S. Teachers In Charge of Various League Events

Literary and athletic events of the Interscholastic League contests will be held in the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School March 28 and 29. The following teachers will be in charge of preparing W. H. S. students:

Marvin E. Palmer, debate; Miss Anne Bauer, extemporaneous speaking and one-act play; Carl M. Fischer, declamation; Mrs. Bonnie Harmon, junior spelling; Miss Louise Black, senior ready writers and senior spelling; Mrs. Ava Lee Jones, junior ready writers; Carl Lovett, slide rule; Miss Louise Williams, typewriting and shorthand; Miss Sibyl Fowler, choral singing; and Coaches Grady Hester and Buck Henson, junior and senior track and field, tennis, and playground ball.

Heard in an incubator: "Last one out is a rotten egg!"

Class Sets Record— And What a Record!

Well, the popularity contest is over, and with the cheering still beating in his ears, this sad reporter (a senior naturally) sits down with pencil in hand to record the aftermath of the strangest election in the history of Weslaco High. Records were made and broken; and with the closing of the polls at 1 p.m. sharp, the greatest advertising campaign, which literally covered every bit of available space, came to a dynamic close.

The news of the winners affected the juniors, sophomores, and seniors in different and amusing ways. The juniors, who tied a record made by the '46 class, were overjoyed with the news that three of their candidates won, while the sophs became hysterical with joy when they found that the two remaining winners were from their class. They can chalk up a record for being the first Sophomore Class in W.H.S. to have two of their candidates elected.

The Seniors, who got "skunked" in the election, came through with a very amusing alibi. They claimed that they were just trying to retain their chain of records which they set in their sophomore and junior years by being the first Senior Class in the school's history not to have a favorite elected.

Library Receives Set of Biographies

Calling all history students! The opportunity to gain added information about a famous personality has arrived!

Twenty-two volumes of the "Dictionary of American Biography" were placed in the library last Wednesday for the benefit of all industrious students who wish to use them. Among these 22 volumes is one which contains a general index. The set, which is red with gold lettering, can be found on the top shelf, left-hand side, of the Encyclopedia table.

22 Panthers Receive Gray Jackets

Coaches, Managers, Cheerleaders Also Presented Awards

After much eager anticipation the football boys finally received their jackets. In a special assembly last Tuesday Coach Grady Hester presented the awards after a short talk about the boys and their superior work this year.

The jackets are gray with purple W's on the left side of the jacket. On the left arm is a patch in the form of a purple football bearing white letters—"Regional 10A Champions, 1946."

The following boys received jackets with two stripes: Ballard Bennett, Jack Freasier, Ed McLeaish, Ed Barnett, Homer Ryan, Maurice Clevenger, Donald Jenkines, "Red" Martin, John Ellis Sawyer, Hal Potts, and Ray Cleckler.

Panthers receiving jackets with one stripe were Ray Jackson, Jerry Waggoner, Howard McFarland, Robert Pickard, Billy Joe Day, George Thompson. Jimmy McAlpin, Bob Guess, and Baker Osborne.

Two boys—Freddie Carr and Marion Rose — received reserve jackets.

Norman Watson and Kenneth Sherry were presented managers' jackets, while Jody Farina and Rosalie Lively, senior cheer leaders, and Marjorie Rogers, Panther Sweetheart, also received them.

Eleven boys playing their last year of eligibility or graduating seniors received gold football, with raised purple W's and "Champions 40A, '46" and the initials of the player engraved on them. These were Ballard Bennett, Jack Freasier, John Ellis Sawyer, Homer Ryan, Ed Barnett, Maurice Clevenger, Donald Jenkines, "Red" Martin, Robert Pickard, Jerry Waggoner, and Baker Osborne.

Choral Club Gives Program Over KGBS

The Choral Department of W.H.S. broadcast over KGBS last Tuesday at 4:30 o'clock.

The entire chorus sang "Siboney." Other selections were "An Irish Lullaby," Clara Fae Garnett; "The Old Lamplighter," girls' trio; "My Kentucky Babe," junior choir; and "My Curly Headed Baby," by Francis Hudson.

The program was under the direction of Miss Sibyl Fowler, with Jimmy McAlpin as announcer.

What Scribes Will Do to Sell Papers!

"Exrta! Extra! Read all about it!"

That sound became a familiar one to the studes of W.H.S. last Wednesday morning.

No, the school didn't fall in, nor did the world come to an end; however, the HI-LIFE staff had the biggest scoop of the year—announcement of the winners in the popularity contest—and the members wanted the world to know about it.

One enterprising salesman grabbed students as they left the bus and invited them to buy papers. (He later threatened not to let the students off the bus and found that to be very effective.)

Several figures were seen coming to school in the gray dawn of morning. What could they have been doing at that hour of the day? They came to fold papers before they were to go on sale so that the news could not be seen at a casual glance.

The scoop was well worth while, because more papers were sold than at any other time this year.

"I went out with a nurse yesterday," he murmured, hoping to make her jealous.

"Never mind," she cooed. "Perhaps in a year or two your mother will let you out without one."

Scribe Braves Crowd to Interview Actor

While Monte Hale, popular young western movie star, was signing autographs for his fans and answering the many questions being asked him, your inquiring reporter was trying to get enough of his time for an interview.

After shoving and pushing through the crowd, I finally got close enough to ask a few questions.

"How do you like the Valley?" I inquired.

"I think the Valley is the 'garden spot of America' and has the most beautiful girls in the world," he said with a twinkle in his eye.

At this remark loud, cynical laughs came from Donald Jenkines and Burton Tidwell, who had met Monte in Houston, where he lives.

"That's what you said in Houston," Donald told him accusingly.

"Be quiet, boys. I'm working here now." He laughted as he spoke.

Monte is a tall, good-natured young star with wavy brown hair and blue eyes, who likes being in the movies. He made his first picture, "Home on the Range," three years ago.

When Monte was a boy, he picked cotton. With some of his savings he bought a guitar and learned to play it.

During the war he went on a bond tour, playing his guitar and singing. A talent scout saw him and offered him a contract with Republic pictures. He rode a freight train to Hollywood, where he signed an eight-year contract. Monte was put off the train five times before reaching his destination.

"Wyoming" is the picture he has enjoyed making most.

Unlike some movie stars, Monte enjoys seeing picture shows. His favorite actress is Jennifer Jones and Robert Walker is his favorite actor.

One of Monte's most embarrassing moments came while making a flying horse scene.

"I ran and jumped, expecting to land on the horse, but I went flying over his head instead. Believe me, that was embarrassing!"

For the last four months Monte has been making a tour of stage appearances for Republic. He has appeared before 950,000 people since he began the trip.

Many people have the idea that being in the movies is all play and no work; however, Monte says, "It's no picnic. It is just like holding a job of any other kind."

Band Sweetheart To Be Presented March 8

Presentation of the Band Sweetheart will be made at the dance to be given at the Woman's Building in Donna, March 8. The dance is being sponsored by the Band Parents' Organization.

The sweetheart, whose identity is not yet known, will be crowned at the dance.

Candidates nominated by the band members were Eva Mae Betts, Shirley Bullard, Francis Hudson, Ella Dean Barber, Emma Jean Barber, Doreen Yoder, and Sue Thompson. Voting by secret ballot took place about two weeks ago.

Old lady (at edge of crowd gathered outside church): "What happened here?"

Young Scamp: "A policeman went in the church and brought the bride out."

Old lady: "Oh, my! What had she done?"

Young scamp: "Married the policeman!"

Panther Cagers of '47 Best In Five Years; End Season Third In District Tournament

Team Shows Remarkable Development During the Year; Waggoner High Scorer With 163 Points; Cleckler Next

By developing from a mediocre ball club into a coordinated team which finished third in the district tournament, the 1947 Weslaco cagers broke the lethargy which has engulfed Panther basketball teams for the past five years.

The Panthers began the season by defeating a comparatively weak Stuart Place five. They then participated in the La Feria tournament, where they scored victories over Donna and Rio Grande City but were soundly trounced by Harlingen and Mercedes, powerhouses of 16AA and 40A respectively. The next few weeks saw the Panthers drop seven games, with only three victories.

Up until this point the team had followed about the same pattern as their predecessors; hence it is little wonder that they were ceded the bottom position in the district tournament. In the first game with Raymondville the Weslaco boys showed surprising power by turning under the Bearkats 24 to 19. They then dropped a 25 to 14 battle with the Mercedes Tigers, tournament favorites.

With a defeat marring their tournament record the determined Panthers faced Rio Grande City in a loser's bracket match. The Rio City boys led most of the way, but a heroic rally in the last four minutes of play knocked them from the contest to the tune of 26 to 25. The next game found the supposedly underdog Weslaco team knocking the props from under the La Feria Lions by a 29 to 23 count to advance to the semi-finals. In their last game of the season the Panthers narrowly missed advancing into the finals by falling before the Tri-City Bears 29 to 31.

The Panthers were placed in the scoring department by forward Jerry Waggoner, captain, who accounted for 163 points during the season. Ray Cleckler, also a forward, was second with 62 markers. The best average for free throws belongs to Red Martin, who dropped in 23 baskets out of 43 attempts.

A great amount of credit for the Panthers' success should go to Coach Buch Henson, who literally pounded into the cagers the fundamentals which they so sadly lacked; moreover, he is looking forward to next season with anticipation, as only two boys are lost from this year's squad, the best Weslaco has produced in five years.

HI-LIFE EDITORS PROUDLY HOLD PLAQUE WON IN RECENT CONTEST

PICTURED ABOVE are the four HI-LIFE editors for this year proudly displaying the plaque received from Texas High School Press Conference for having the best page in the local newspaper in the state. The plaque reads: "State Champion, Page-in-Local-Newspaper, Texas High School Press, HI-LIFE, Weslaco High, 1947." This is the third successive plaque won by the HI-LIFE in its division. From left to right are Bondy Harmon and Ann Waller, first semester editors; and Peggy Hull and Ventura Castaneda, present editors.

Be careful! The VACUUM is full of dirt, and it might explode in your face. Here it goes:

Date of the week: CHARLES McWHORTER and PATTIE PREGENZER were at the Senior play Friday night.

Also seen at the play were FRANCES and ROGER, JACK and MARY, BETTY LEE and DONALD, WARREN NICKOLS and JANICE LAMBERT (McAllen), JIMMY CLARK and MARY ALICE LAMBERT, HOMER and PAT KEEN, PATTIE and RAY, LORETTA and HAL, JEN and BUSTER BENNETT (Donna), KENNETH and ZOE, ANN and ED, NORMAN and BETTY JUNE, BOB and JANET RANKIN, ED COMPERE and SARITA BAILEY. DUANE SCOTT and PATSY ROSS, JOVETA and RONALD CURRY, and many more.

New steadies are BETTY JEAN and DIZZY. Congratulations!

DONALD CHANDLER and SUZIE ECCLES, MARILYN and ARNOLD DRYER were seen at the Citriana Friday night.

Having a good time Friday night were VAN SIDENER and MARY ANN CLIFFORD.

BILLY JOE and EVA MAE, ELLA DEAN and MAURICE were together at the play. This is becoming a constant four-some.

SCOTTY, why don't you make up your mind between BALLARD and OTTO?

PAT and REECE, RED and JODY were at the Drive-In Saturday night.

Saturday night MARGE and HOWARD, JACKIE and BOBBY RAY, CARLINE and ROBERT, ZOE and KEN, BILLY JOE and EVA MAE celebrated JACKIE'S birthday. That is a mighty pretty ring that Ray gave you, JACKIE.

Also at the Drive-In Saturday night were JEAN ANN and BILLY. My, my, what a popular place!

GLENNA RUTH, is ERNIE'S company so interesting that you don't even remember much about the shoot-'em-up show Saturday night?

It seems that the Vacuum Cleaner is empty now, but watch out. Next week it might get you!

Cagers Make Excellent Showing

This year, in spite of several handicaps, the Weslaco Cagers, under Coach Buck Henson, made an excellent showing by winning third place in the Mercedes Basketball Tournament held recently.

This fact not only shows that the basketeers had determination and teamwork, but it is also encouraging to other organizations to see that these boys overcame the obstacles which they encountered and never gave up. Th Weslaco baskteers, without a gymnasium, had to practice out in the open, several times in cold, rainy weather. Classed as the underdogs in every game that they played in the tournamnt, the cagers certainly disappointed some teams by coming out in third place.

Weslaco High School is indeed proud of the Panther Cagers for their successful season. We extend our congratulations to Coach Henson and his baskeeters.

We Texans Don't Brag!

"Texas, our Texas,
All hail that mighty state!"

You know, studes, most people have no trouble remembering that the Fourth of July is America's independence day, but how many of you can tell me what the second of March is? Oh, shame, and a citizen of Texas, too! I thought perhaps you could guess.

One hundred and eleven years ago last Sunday Texas declared her independence from Mexico. Now you remember, don't you? Other states in the Union say that there is nothing in Texas but bragging. Texans don't brag; we just state facts—don't we?

Say, did you know that: The Texas timber belt is as large as Indiana? Not only that, but seven other states can be conveniently placed in the area of Texas. We are NOT bragging! The maximum length of Texas is 801 miles; its breadth is 773. Texas boasts also of the roughest winds, the highest peaks, the deepest valleys, the most rainfall, and the best production of foods. Water covers 3,498 square miles of Texas with plenty of dry land left. There are 254 counties, some of them large enough to be states. Hey, Texans, that isn't bragging, is it?

Of course, we realize that you foreigners from other states can never appreciate Texas as we native Texans can, but we thought you might like to learn a few facts about our state.

Oh! After All, Don't Knock Our Heads Off

"Ouch! Can't you take that coat off your locker?"

The most popular habit with W.H.S. girls is to hand their coats on locker doors; consequently the poor souls with lower lockers bump their heads; coats fall on them, and books are dropped in their laps.

This peculiar little habit has been going on for generations and will probably continue for many more. The only solution to this problem is a new coat room. Well, girls, your great-granddaughters will probably still hang their coats on locker doors in W.H.S.

Report Cards to Be Issued Tomorrow

Report cards will be issued at the end of the third period tomorrow, according to A. C. Murphy, principal. Classes will report to regular home rooms for their cards.

Seniors Score Success With Class Play

"Almost Summer" Makes Hit With Full House

The hilarious comedy, "Almost Summer," presented by the Senior Class of 1947 in the Stephen F. Austin Auditorium Friday night, February 28, was pronounced a success by the large crowd that attended.

The play dealt with the efforts of Paul Jones, a senior in high school, to make a 95 or above on a history exam so that he would be recommended to the university. Only in this way could he spend the summer with his girl at the lakes.

Many difficulties arose, however. He was accused of breaking into the principal's office and stealing the exam questions; his brother, sister, mother, and dad were always interrupting his studying, thus making it harder for him; and Paul ran into the principal's car, smashing a fender. These were only a few of the many difficulties that he had to overcome; nevertheless, he did win out and got the privilege of going to the lakes.

Jimmy McAlpin aptly depicted Paul Jones, a good-looking high school boy of eighteen with all the complex problems that face youth of today.

Mary, Paul's sister, a typical teen-ager with a steady desire for new clothes and the ambition to go with someone who had a convertible, was well played by Patsy McBride. Mary was concerned with her own problems and was extremely critical of Paul.

Jack, Paul's best friend, who considered himself a "killer" with the girls, and no wonder, since Mary could hardly conceal her feelings, was satisfactorily portrayed by Ed Barnett. Jack was the easy going type, but he, too, had some of the same problems as Paul.

Jody Farina capably handled the part of Jane, Paul's girl, who was beautiful and was really a girl any man would go for. She didn't let Paul become discouraged; instead she spurred him on to do well.

The part of Junior, played by Kenneth Jones, drew many laughs as the kid brother, crafty and sly. How innocent he looked, but how guilty he was! As Paul's younger brother, he was a source of great trouble and amusement.

Rubin Minton had the role of Mr. Jones, a hard working man of forty-five, who considered himself pretty good. Mr. Jones had very little patience and didn't understand the complex problems of youth.

Glenna Ruth Holman was convincing as Mrs. Jones, a very sympathetic mother, living with her children in their joys and sorrows.

As Mr. Smudgely, a school principal, tall, formal, and strict, Reece McAlpin rated much applause.

Lilah Johnson, acted by Rosalie Lively, was a very petite and pretty girl with doll-like features, moreover, she appeared in the life of none other but the "Woman hater" himself, Junior.

Dillie Nicklas played the role of Anna, the maid, who has to clean up after the Jones children, and that was a job!

Between acts Ballard Bennett presented Miss Anne Bauer, director, with a beautiful array of flowers and a gift in appreciation of her work.

Bailey, Garza Head Junior Chorus

Sarita Bailey and Delia Garza were elected advisers by the Junior Chorus Tuesday of last week, according to Miss Sibyl Fowler, director of the group. The Junior Chorus, which has been organized about two months, is composd of approximately thirty sixth and seventh grade members.

This group sang "Kentucky Babe," by Adam Geibel, in the broadcast over KGBS on Tuesday, February 18. This broadcast in which both the Junior and Senior Choruses participated, originated in the Music Room of the Junior High building.

The Junior Chorus will also sing in he Spring Concert to be presented May 2 in the Stephen F. Austin Auditorium, according to Miss Fowler.

"The group is showing a considerable amoun of interest and is steadily improving," Miss Fowler stated.

Ellis Gives Chalk Talk in Assembly

Howard Ellis, representative of the Methodist New Life Movement with headquarters in Chicago, presented a program in assembly last Thursday, February 27. The Rev. Allen Roe, pastor of the First Methodist Church, introduced the speaker and artist.

Mr. Ellis, a chalk artist, illustrated his talk with drawings.

He told the story of a man who failed at every task he tried to accomplish. At the age of 50 he succeeded in his race for President of the United States. By putting several pieces of felt together he constructed the picture of the man, Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Ellis compared this to the task of putting the world together.

The second point he brought out was that of the changing world, which he illustrated by drawing the picture of a baby, changing it into an adolescent, and then into an adult.

Mr. Ellis related the story of two men who wanted to become artists but lacked the financial means. The older gave up his ambition in order to work and allow the younger to attend school. One afternoon as the artist came in from work, he noticed the older man with his hands clasped together in prayer. The artist then realized that the older man had ruined his talented hands by working to send him to school. He decided to paint the picture of the hands and give it to the world. From this decision the world gained Albert Durer's "Praying Hands."

To illustrate this story Mr. Ellis drew a pair of praying hands.

Club Gives Variety Program Over KGBS

A variety talent program was presented over radio station KGBS Tuesday, March 4, at 4:15 o'clock by Little Broadway.

Included on the broadcast were piano solos by Bobby Hankal and Frances Hudson, a reading by Emma Jean Barber, and a vocal solo by Carline Lobitz. Susie Eccles served as the announcer.

This program was one of a series being presented every other week over KGBS by some school organization.

AS I SEE IT, this is the way things have gone in school since the last issue of the HI-LIFE came out.

Even though the seniors lost in the popularity contest, they really chalked up a winner in the Senior play- Everyone thought it was swell, kids!

Talk about glory hounds! Did you see those lettermen with their pictures last Thursday? (They **were** good pictures!)

Everyone seemed to enjoy the two assemblies last week. The chalk artist on Thursday kept the studes' undivided attention. Cy Pickens' tumblers were really interesting, weren't they? Several times the audience thought they'd find little Jose or Pancho in their laps. We enjoyed it very much, bays and Mr. Pickens!!

Say, we're pretty lucky to have a tumbling teacher who also runs close competition to Perry, Frankie, and Bing! Mr. Pickens' rendition of "Abdul Scavinsky Scavar" simply sent the audience last Friday. He was ably assisted by Ballard Bennett.

It seems that with the Panthers being regional champs, the basketball boys having such a good sesaon, the kids in W.H.S. having such a swell school, and all the other advantages we have, those few who don't respect W.H.S. and all that it offers would at least not drive all over the campus in cars. If driven over in rainy weather (as it was last Wednesday!), the campus retains the tracks and ruts for a long time. Let's all respect W.H.S. by not damaging the campus!!

Come April 1 the Journalism class is going to publish an April fool paper (and WHAT A PAPER!)—for a nominal fee, of course—only 10 cents.

Sighs of relief were heard Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock designating the end of six weeks' exams; however, the worst is yet to come, report cards tomorrow. Good luck, kids. As I SEE IT, we'll all need it!

The boys win 'em and the girls will care for 'em, meaning the trophies, of course. Saturday morning found some of the more energetic Girl Reserves earnestly shining all the trophies.

With this I leave you until next Wednesday.

Boys Presented In Tumbling Stunts

Thirteen boys from North Ward School, under the direction of Cy Pickens, tumbled in a assembly Firday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The boys, very natty in white Tee shirts, khaki trousers, and standing in stairsteps, entertained the audience with various tumbling stunts.

Some of the different feats were as follows: headstands, somersaults, flip-overs, handsprings, cartwheels, pyramids, backrolls, and a demonstration by Mr. Pickens on how to stand on the little fingers. Although the boys are only beginning and are still not sure of themselves, they performed even the difficult stunts with dexterity, sometimes being forced to repeat them until they were perfect. In bringing the program to a close, ten boys formed a pyramid.

Ballard Bennett and Mr. Pickens gave an impromptu rendition of ::Abdul Scavinsky Scavar." The school song was led by Rubin Minton.

Father-Daughter F.H.T. Supper Given

A Father-Daughter Mexican supper was given by the Future Homemakers in the cafeteria at their regular meeting Monday evening, March 3, at 7:30.

Tacos, tamales, enchiladas, avocado salad, and coffee were served to approximately thirty-five fathers and the Advisory Council of Future Homemakers composed of Mmes. V. C. Thompson, Fred Robertson, Charles Rogers, L. R. Clifford, and L. W. Schellhamer.

A short business meeting followed the supper. The program to be given at the Girl Reserve Stunt Night was discussed, and committees were appointed.

Negro Spiritual Program to Be Given March 12

Emanuel Mansfield, distinguished negro concert tenor, will sing spirituals for W.H.S. students at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 in the Junior-Senior High School auditorium. Robert Evans, Indian, will be accompanist for Mr. Mansfield.

Mr. Mansfield will sing "Thou Art Risen," "Water Boy," "Song of the Heart," "Tally Ho!" and many others.

Mr. Evans, piano soloist, will play "Little David, Play on Your Harp;" "Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells;" "Swing Low;" and "Heaben."

Admission for this program will be 25 cents.

A program for the general public will be held on March 17. Both programs are being sponsored by the local Parent-Teachers' Association.

Why All the Rings? Just WHS's New Sport

Rings by the hundreds have sprung up around the campus of W.H.S. in the form of a competitive sport. Yes, you can observe these slick operators in action at almost any time, though the P.E. classes offer the best opportunity to watch them.

Workouts consist of thirty minutes of the twiddling of one's thumbs, followed by a 50-yard dash on your hands and knees. After this strenuous workout the players line up, lag for position, and the contest is on.

These marble games are rapidly gaining in popularity, and it is rumored that the contestants are going to petition Mr. Murphy for an indoor arena to use on rainy days.

Mission F.F.A. Group Initiated Here

Ten officers of the Mission Chapter of Future Farmers were initiated by the Weslaco F.F.A. Thursday, February 27, at the agriculture building.

The Mission Chapter was started this year and now has forty-three members. The ten officers will initiate the rest of their chapter in the future.

Refreshments were served after the initiation.

56 Students Are on Honor Rolls of WHS

23 Make Superior; 33 on Honor List

Fifty-six students have made themselves eligible for the fourth six weeks' honor rolls, according to A. C. Murphy, principal.

Of the fifty-six, twenty-three were on superior list. The seventh grade led the lists with eighteen, the eighth grade was second with fourteen, and the sophomores were third with eight. The seniors had six; the juniors and freshmen each had five.

The complete honor roll for the fourth six weeks is as follows:

SUPERIOR HONOR ROLL
(All A's)

Seniors: Ballard Bennett, Juanita Cantu, Reece McAlpin.

Juniors: Hal Potts.

Sophomores: Sergio Garza, Peggy Ann Kirgan.

Freshmen: Charlie Cardenas, Paula Resendez.

Eighth: Genevieve Ballard, Caroline Carrothers, Mary Ann Dryer, John Womble, Beto Gonzalez, Gene McMullen.

Seventh: Delia Gutierrez, Rex Nunn, Elva Ochoa, Sarita Bailey, Yunette Clifford, Lee Nicklas, Jose Sanchez, June Smith, Ninfa Cardona.

HONOR ROLL
(Three A's, rest B's)

Seniors: Ventura Castaneda, Kenneth Jones, Patsy Martin.

Juniors: Margaret Kobeck, Peggy Hull, Loretta Shields, Mary Catherine Way.

Sophomores: Tommy Pepper, Betty Jean Robertson, Patricia Ross, Dixie Jo George, Zoe Barbee, Mary Ann Clifford.

Freshmen: Nancy Solether, Kaye Clark, Manfredo Garza.

Eighth: Sue Thompson, Christine Carr, Marshall Wortham, Jo Ann Pace, Mary Pattie Sigler, Aline Henrickson, Charles Sawyer, Marilyn Weber.

Seventh: Saul Barbosa, Graciela Monteagudo, Kathleen Geraughty, Teresa Lancaster, Simmy Parker, Eva Campos, Israel Benavides, Rufino Ramirez, Julia Valadez.

CAST OF 'ALMOST SUMMER' PICTURED BELOW IN SCENE OF PRODUCTION

PICTURED ABOVE is the cast of "Almost Summer," the Senior Play recently presented. The characters from left to right are Jimmy McAlpin, Jody Farina, Kenneth Jones, Rosalie Lively, Rubin Minton, Glenna Ruth Holman, Patsy McBride, Ed Barnett, Dillie Nicklas, Reece McAlpin.

Evans, Mansfield To Give Concert Today for Students

Emanuel Mansfield, negro concert tenor, will appear before the student body this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Junior- Senior high school auditorium. Accompanying the singer at the piano will be Robert Evans, Indian.

Emanuel Mansfield will sing the following numbers:

"Thou Art Risen"—Taylor.

"Water Boy"—Robinson.

"Song of the Heart"—Johnson.

"Tally Ho!" (English Hunting Song)—Leoni.

"The Birth of Morn" (Words By Dunbar)—Leoni.

"The Marriage License"—Kellam.

"Summertime" (From Porgy and Bess).

Mr. Evans will play the following:

"Little David Play On Your Harp"—Schaffer.

"Peter Go Ring Dem Bells"—Burleigh.

"Swing Low"—Burleigh.

"Heab'n"—Fisher.

Weslaco is the last lap of the singer's national tour. His tour will end just before he sails for Copenhagen, Denmark, where he will appear before the international convention of the Baptist World Alliance.

The admission for the program this afternoon will be 25 cents.

One-Act Play Cast Announced by Bauer

The cast for "The First Dress Suit," one act comedy to be entered by Weslaco in the Interscholastic League contest, was announced Monday by Miss Anne Bauer, director.

Members of the cast are Bobby Hankel, who plays Teddy Harding, a seventeen-year-old boy; Glenna Ruth Holman as his mother, Mrs. Harding; Betty June Boles as Betty, Teddy's older sister; and Jimmy McAlpin as Johnny Drake, Betty's fiance.

The play centers around the efforts of Johnny Drake to obtain Teddy's dress-suit for his sister's wedding. Since this is his first formal, Teddy does not want Johnny to have it. However, Mrs. Harding and Betty help to persuade Teddy to let Johnny use it.

The play will be presented on March 29 in Pharr and will be judged with other plays presented by other towns in the Valley.

How are the studes of W.H.S. this fine morning? You may not feel so well after the Vacuum Cleaner has started in your direction, so beware!!!

Although there were some unusual couples at the boyless dance, there were also many at the band dance. Some of them were EMMA JEAN and ED; DOREEN and KENNETH WOODS (Donna); SARITA BAILEY and CLIFTON DAVENPORT; DELORES TRIPLETT and BILLY MAULDIN; CAROLINE CARROTHERS and ROBERT JOE POTTS; PEGGY KIRGAN and TOMMY PEPPER; GENEVIEVE BALLARD and DAVID ROBERTSON; EDWIN STANLEY and CORKY BLOCK; EDDIE HENSON and JUNE SMITH; and BONDY and BARBARA BOYCE (Donna).

Seen having a good time at the Baptist hayride was BILLY JOE. When the cat's away, the mouse will play! Also on the hayride were BETTY JUNE and NORMAN, ANN and ED FISHER.

MAURICE and ELLA DEAN, BILLY JOE and EMMA JEAN were at the show in Harlingen over the week end.

BETTY LEE and DONALD, PAT and HAL, ANN and ED, LORETTA and HOMER, BETTY JUNE and NORMAN, CARLENE and BALLARD, PATTIE and RAY, CARLINE L. and ED McLEAISH had a picnic at Horseshoe Lake during the week-end.

Those at PATTIE'S slumber party Saturday night were PAT, BETTY LEE, SCOTTY, LORETTA, FRANCES, BETTY JEAN, JEN, BETTY JUNE, ANN, and PATTIE. We heard you had a muy buen tiempo!!!

Here's the saddest news of the week! ANN and ED have quit going steady!

KENNETH WOODS and DOREEN sat with some babies over the weekend!

If the Vacuum Cleaner did not go in your direction, it may next week, but for now, it's adios and 30.

How Are You Classified?

The Senior and Junior Classes of Weslaco High have just recently completed a "Who's Who" contest, in which the best natured, best-all-around, most ambitious, most talented, best dressed, wittiest, noisiest, and laziest students were selected.

Some of these titles are complimentary to us students and tell us that our fellow studes appreciate our efforts. We gain our reputation in W.H.S. by our actions and our attitudes; and whether we are named in "Who's Who" or not, all of us have a reputation of some sort among our fellow students and our teachers.

Just as a leopard is never able to change its spots, so are the chances that we will always carry with us the reputation we gain at W.H.S.

Is that all right with you, or do you need to change? Let's all check up!

Beware of That Disease!

Windy March is here again, and it won't be long now until school is out. We have only two months and ten days to go.

Once again the budding trees and blooming flowers are wielding their influence on the students. Teachers, if you see a far-away stare or a dreamy look in the eyes of your class, it's because the smell of flowers and the sight of green foliage carry spring-fever bacteria.

A student who had strayed away from school had this excuse, "The wind blew dust in my eyes, and I couldn't see where I was going."

Seriously, students, we have just enough time to determine whether this has been a successful year. Let's put forth a little more effort and make this a really successful term.

W.H.S.'s Old Books Go to Bindery And Come Back With New Faces

Have you ever wondered what became of the old books in the school library that have been soiled and worn through constant use?

Books like "Little Men," "The Yearling," "Robinson Crusoe" and "Tom Sawyer" have been giving joy and many hours of wholesome entertainment to hundreds of us students in W.H.S., but with the years they, like people, have become old and broken. They, however, differ from us humans in that they need not die when this point is reached. Many of the new books you see Miss Jean Spratt, librarian, unpacking and placing on display are in reality old "veterans" that have been rebound at the bindery and sent back to Weslaco High with a new lease on life, looking as "spick and span" as one of the newest best sellers.

Following is the story of what goes on behind the scenes at a book bindery, and how some of our favorite stories are once more seen on the shelves at W.H.S.

When a book arrives at the bindery, the cover is stripped off, and all loose threads and glue removed by a scuffing process. Each page is trimmed and mended. After this lengthy process, the pages are resewed and the edges rounded. The next important step is to back them. This is done by making a cover for the old copy out of library buckram or imitation leather which has the title printed on it.

This being done, they are cased in by gluing the end sheets to the back. The old book, now completely remodeled, is ready to be shipped back to the library, where it may expect many more years of active use.

"Who's Who" In Classes Named

Leading Students In Departments Also Selected

Noted and notorious students attained the limelight last week when the Junior and Senior Classes held the annual "Who's Who" election.

Noted students receiving the most desirable honors were Reece McAlpin, senior, and Hal Potts, junior. In the Senior Class, Donald Jenkines, who voted himself for laziest student, received that title, while Norman Watson was voted noisiest but at the same time wittiest student. Among the juniors, Carline Lobitz is the noisiest student, Robert Pickard is laziest, and Larry Lehman is wittiest.

In addition to the elections by the two classes, teachers from the various departments named eight seniors and six juniors who are outstanding for the "Who's Who in Classes."

Students who were named outstanding in two classes are as follows: Reece McAlpin, senior, mathematics and physics; Ventura Castaneda, senior, journalism and shorthand; Hal Potts, junior, chemistry and history; Loretta Shields, junior, English and chorus; and Ballard Bennett, senior, speech and athletics.

Other students outstanding in classes are as follows: Carline Lobitz, junior, typing; Juanita Cantu, senior, biology; Margaret Kobeck, junior, bookkeeping; Ballard Bennett, senior, speech; Patsy Martin, senior, home economics; Rosemary Jennings, senior, mechanical drawing; Paul Pate, junior, advanced woodwork; Jimmy Hill, junior, band.

The Seniors elected the following students for the various positions in the Senior division of "Who's Who": Dillie Nicklas, most talented girl; Ventura Castaneda, most talented boy; Patsy Martin, most ambitious girl; Reece Mc Alpin most ambitious boy, best all-around student, and best-natured boy.

Rosalie Lively, best dressed girl; Ed Barnett, best dressed boy; Norman Watson, wittiest and noisiest student; Donald Jenkines, laziest student; Eloise Harrison, athletic girl; Ballard Bennett, athletic boy; and Glenna Ruth Holman, best-natured girl.

The following juniors were named for the various positions in the junior division: Loretta Shields, most talented girl; Hal Potts, most talented boy, most ambitious boy, and best all-around student; Peggy Hull, most ambitious girl; Eva Mae Betts, best dressed girl.

Kenneth Sherry, best dressed boy; Larry Lehman, wittiest student; Robert Pickard, laziest student; Roebrt Pickard, laziest student; Glennis Adkins, athletic girl; Homer Ryan, athletic boy; Shirley Bullard, best-natured girl; and Billy Joe Day, best-natured boy.

The closest elections were those between Ventura and Reece for most talented boy in the Senior Class, between Hal and Billy Joe for junior best all-around, and between Shirley and Ann Waller for best natured girl in the Junior Class. In each case the runners-up were only one vote behind. Winners in this contest will have individual pictures in the "Who's Who" section of LA PALMA.

The track team attended the Border Olympics Track meet held at Laredo last Friday and Saturday. The trip was enjoyed by the entire team, although the weather was not exactly good for running.

Congratulations to Howard McFarland, one of our top track men. Howard was the only boy from W.H.S. entered in the Laredo meet who qualified for the finals.

Are you tired, sleepy, and worn out? The boys who attended the track meet at Laredo were all feeling this way Saturday morning after the poor night's sleep they got in the Laredo Boys' Club.

The sophomore boys are organizing a baseball club for the district meet coming up March 28-29. If there are any recruits left in any grades, they are urged to meet with the boys on the athletic grounds at 4 o'clock each afternoon. E

Kilroy Believed To Start New Fad

"I've been jipped! Give me my money back, you crooks!"

Many remarks like these and others which we aren't allowed to print were heard echoing through out the halls last week as a previous victim of the latest racket in W.H.S. used the gag on a new sucker.

An outgrowth of the chain letter craze which spread like wildfire over the country after World War I, this new method of obtaining ready cash has drawn even such prominent personalities as Mr. Murphy and Prof. Lovett into its vicious circle.

Starting with a "Can you spare a dime, buddy?" the innocent victim, upon being relieved of his dime for what he thinks is a charitable cause, receives a slip of paper informing him that he has just contributed ten cents to buy Richard a key to open the door!

No one knows who started this new fad unless it was Kilroy.

Kilroy Katches Kuriosity of Kampus Kids

Have you been wondering what happened when Richard opened the door, where Kilroy is, what the secret ambitions of teachers are and many more "luscious" details of W.H.S. personalities? The only way to find out the answers to these puzzling questions is by buying a copy of the Lirpa Loof LOW-LIFE.

The Journalism Class is working hard again—this time on their four-page colored edition.

Do you prefer a yellow, green, blue, pink, or orange paper? All colors will be available. This paper has all the news that isn't fit to print.

If you don't want to laugh, stay away from the humorous paper; but if you want a "side-splitting" edition, start saving that dime!

Thompson Will Attend Meeting

Mrs. Katherine Thompson will attend a breakfast meeting of Deans and Advisers of Girls March 14 at Corpus Christi. The meeting is being held in connection with the District 3 Convention of the Texas State Teachers Association.

HI-LIFE, Stories Entered in VHSPC Contest

Approximately twenty schools will participate in the annual spring newspaper contest of the Valley High School Press Conference, according to Ballard Ben nett, secretary of the V.H.S.P.C. The banquet, at which the winners will be announced, is to be held at the Casa De Palmas Hotel in McAllen on April 1.

Entries will be judged this year by Dr. Dewitt Reddick, director of the Interscholastic League Press Conference and professor of Journalism at the University of Texas. The contest is divided into the following sections: sports, editorials, news stories, columns, features, interviews, and newspa pers.

All divisions of the contest have been entered by various members of the HI-LIFE staff, and about twenty persons will attend the banquet from Weslaco.

Old Man Weather Is Up to His Old Tricks Again!

Ah! Today spring is in the air, but what will tomorrow say?

W.H.S. students can never quite keep up with Old Man Weather. He seems to be playing April Fool jokes early this year.

The smart (?) studes who don't wear coats on chilly mornings, thinking that it will turn warm, always get fooled by a blizzard blowing in.

Another type of students wear coats on sunshiny mornings, hoping that it will turn cool.

When the studes wanted to know why they can never wear the right thing, Kilroy promptly replied, "All that I have to say for y'all is to wear coats on cold mornings and not wear them on warm ones."

Reitz Directs Band at Night Rehearsal

Lloyd Reitz, a former director of the Weslaco band, directed the group last Thursday night, when it met for a night rehearsal.

Mr. Reitz is now in business in San Antonio, being the owner of a music store there.

Boys Attend Border Olympics at Laredo

Enjoying a week-end of fun were nine boys, who were running for W.H.S. in Laredo's Border Olympic Track Meet.

The following boys attended the meet: Howard McFarland, Ray Cleckler, Ray Jackson, Hal Potts, Ballard Bennett, Jimmie McAlpin, Bob Guess, Homer Ryan, and Baldwin Thompson.

Although all the boys entered the meet, only Howard McFarland classified for the finals. Howard won fifth place in the 440 yard dash.

"The boys did very well, but all they really accomplished was getting experience for the coming years," Coach Henson stated.

Former Students Receive Honors

It has been learned that five former Weslaco students have attained scholastic honors.

Mary Ann Burton, Eleanor Mortensen, and Frances Betts have been elected members of honor societies at Ward-Belmont, A. and I. College, and Baylor University, respectively. Jimmy Moyer was one of four students from Hidalgo County to be listed on the honor roll at Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, while Margie McBride is on the honor roll of Trinity University, San Antonio.

Doubtless there are other students who have received similar honors. The HI-LIFE Staff would appreciate any information of its former students.

Chorus, Soloists Prepare for Contest

Monday night rehearsal of the choir was the first in a series to be held at night. The chorus is preparing for the annual music contest to be held April 17 in McAllen.

Solos to be entered in the contest include Hal Potts, baritone; Rubin Minton, tenor; Ella Dean Barber, second soprano; Loretta Shields or Francis Hudson, alto; and Clara Fae Garnett or Emma Jean Barber, first soprano.

The choir will sing March 26 at 12:30 o'clock for the Kiwanis Club.

Typhoid Shots To Be Given March 17

Typhoid shots will begin Monday, March 17, according to Mrs. Connie Hankel, school nurse. All students who need three shots should begin them March 17. Mrs. Hankel suggests that even if a student had three shots last year, he should take a booster shot this year to keep up his immunity.

Science Club Plans Dance for March 13

The Science Club will give an informal dance in the Stephen F. Austin auditorium, Thursday, March 13, at 8 o'clock, according to Billy Griffin, president of the club.

Admission is 75 cents for couples and one dollar for stags. Free refreshments will be served. The money raised will be used for new laboratory equipment.

Student Council To Attend Meeting

The annual All-Valley Student Council Banquet will be held in Mission Thursday, March 13.

Reece McAlpin, Hal Potts, Pattie Sue Schellhammer, Katherine Cleckler, Charles Sawyer, and Tommy Nicklas will attend the meeting. A. C. Murphy, principal, will accompany the group.

Weslaco Schools To Dismiss Friday

Weslaco schools will be dismissed Friday, March 14, in order that the faculties may attend the meeting of District 3 of the Texas State Teachers Association in Corpus Christi, according to Superintendent Joe H. Wilson.

"Students should not get the idea that this is a holiday. It will be a good day for them to get notebooks in order and to read books in the library, as it will remain open to those who wish to study," A. C. Murphy, principal, stated.

Lowell: "Do you have any trouble using **shall** and **will** the right way?"

Reece: "I'll say not! Patsy says, 'You shall,' and I say, 'I will.'"

Sub-Kittens Of '41 Produce Champs of '46

S. D. McDaniel Sparks Squad; Was Passer Of '43 Team

"Tall oaks from little acorns grow."

These time-honored words of David Everett more than hold true in regard to the W.H.S. Panthers' prowess on the gridiron. The precision blocking and flawless tackling displayed by the felines in the championship Regional contest last fall was not suddenly acquired. Long years of endless practice, however, accounted for Weslaco's superiority on "the field of friendly strife."

Dating back as far as 1941 we find several of Weslaco's '46 Regional champions first donning their grid suits. This was the last year that the Panthers put forth a losing grid outfit; moreover, it was the last year the Weslaco fans boasted of a 110 lb. team with regular playing schedule.

Furthermore, quite a grid machine this diminutive crew proved to be. Although their seasonal record was only mediocre, no less than eleven Panther lettermen, and four all-Valley performers of preceding years first demonstrated their grid wares with these Sub-Kittens.

Starting down the line, we find Dennis Griffin and Ray LeGrande at ends, Billy Joe Ryan and Donald Jenkines at tackles, Jim Moyer and Olan Parker at guards, and Homer Ryan at center. In the backfield it was Bill Solether, a quarterback, S. D. McDaniel and Jim Loredo as halfbacks, and Ed McLeaish and Ray Purl alternating in the fullback berth. Ballard Fennett, Ray Jackson, and Jim McAlpin, several legmen on the present championship ballclub, were also prominent members of this motley aggregation.

Sparkplugging the squad was S. D. McDaniel, Crackerjack "tee-dee" hurler of the '43 Panther eleven. Speedy McDaniel, who performed for the Sub-Kittens minus football shoes, tallied several times during the campaign with lengthy touchdown jaunts. All of the Sub Kittens' games were played in the afternoon, and only a few interested spectators attended these "grid classics."

Season record for the 1941 Weslaco 110 lb. team is as follows:

Sub-Kittens 20—La Feria 14.
Sub-Kittens 7—Edinburg 13.
Sub-Kittens 0—San Benito 20.
Sub-Kittens 13—Donna 0.
Sub-Kittens 41—La Feria 6.

"Waiter, please bring us each a portion of Tortoni Songinelli."

"I'm sorry, I no can do, gentlemen. You see, that's the proprietor."

TRAINED PONY AND FIVE DOGS WILL BE FEATURED IN PROGRAM

Rose and Mack McCall will present "Spangle," a trained pony, and an unusual dog act, including five white Siberian Samoyedes and one Siberian Husky, in a special assembly Wednesday, March 26, at 9 a.m. in the Junior-Senior High School auditorium. Admission will be 20 cents.

"Spangle" will present a thrilling repertoire of tricks, talking, posing, and pickouts.

The audience will be shown how the dogs are hitched and driven. Mr. McCall will tell the interesting history of these Arctic dogs.

This show has been presented at various Sportsmen Shows including the Coliseum at Chicago and the Municipal Auditorium in Minneapolis.

Some guys adore a pretty face,
Some love a pretty curl.
That's not for Norman; he must admit
He wants the whole darn girl.

Science Club Dance Claimed Success

Approximately fifty couples attended the Science Club dance last Thursday, March 13, at the Stephen F. Austin auditorium.

The auditorium was decorated in a Saint Patrick's Day theme with green and white crepe paper streamers hanging from the balcony and windows. Large green four-leaf clovers were placed on the walls.

During the intermissions, refreshments of punch and coke squares were served by Ann Waller, while the girls' trio, composed of Emma Jean and Ella Dean Barber, Loretta Shields, and their accompanist, Frances Hudson, sang "Choo Choo Ch-Boogie."

Profits from the dance are to used to buy new equipment for the Science Club laboratory, according to Carl Lovett, sponsor.

Hi, kids!

Did everyone work last Friday as he was supposed to? About forty teachers were gone to Corpus, but the studes were asked to use at least part of that day studying. Did you?

The Science Club was in the limelight last Thursday night with a successful dance at Stephen F. Austin school. Those announcements that were sent around last week were OK, too!

Isn't it amazing that twenty-five pennies can bring so much enjoyment and pleasure? The musical assembly last Wednesday featuring Emanuel Mansfield and his pianist, Robert Evans, was probably one of the best of its kind W.H.S. has had in ages! Everyone enjoyed it very much!

Congrats are in order to Frances Hudson, the first Band Sweetheart that Weslaco has ever had! We think it's swell, Frances!

New officers for Girl Reserves next year were elected last Tuesday. Good luck to the new cabinet and to Loretta Shields, G. R. president for 1947-8!

"Ouch!" "Cut it out!!" "Watch where you hit me!" Yeah—that's right—shots again!! First typhoid shots were given last Monday; the other two will be given soon.

This has been typical March weather this last week, hasn't it? Northers hit and hit fast in Texas. Don't be discouraged if you bring a coat on a cool morning, and the weather turns warm by noon, because it's just as likely to be cold again at 4 o'clock.

Looks as if mumps will catch anyone—even Mr. Wilson. Our superintendent came home from Atlantic City about a week ago already ill with mumps. Hope you have a speedy recovery, Mr. Wilson.

That's all, kids.

Good Luck, Contestants

A number of students are working hard on several contests such as declamation, debate, spelling, one-act play, and various others. These students, who get little or no publicity, deserve to be commended, as they will be doing their best to represent Weslaco High School at the Interscholastic League Meet in Pharr March 28 and 29.

These students, together with their teachers, have been steadily working for some time. Weslaco High is proud to see that there are some students who are interested in the academic phase of school work.

We are sure that Weslaco High School will win some honors through these students in the various departments. Best of luck to you contestants.

Let's Be Friendly

Do all of us in Weslaco High realize the importance of friendliness over the world? For example, there are those people that think they are much better than others—even in their own race. In reality, though, the friendlier person is usually the one who does not think himself superior to others.

Next, let's take those people who think they are more important than people of other countries or races. In some cases, one country or race may be more advanced than the other, but that does not make the residents of that country better.

Last Wednesday, in assembly, a good example was shown against race prejudice when the negro singer and Indian pianist worked so well together. It makes no difference whether a person's skin is white or black, or brown or yellow; all have the same kind of feeling inside as you and I have. Let's try to remember this if we get that superior feeling and—be friendly.

Pennsylvania Girl Wants Pen Pal

Here's a chance for all of you eager-beavers to get acquainted with a 15-year-old Pennsylvania girl.

Her name is Caroline Tira, sophomore in Leechburg High School. Caroline has brown hair and brown eyes. She is five feet six inches tall and weighs 115 pounds.

Caroline takes English, world history, business arithmetic, biology, health, and gymnasium work. Her hobby is writing letters. Football and basketball are her favorite sports.

For further information, talk to Mr. Fischer. Caroline even enclosed a picture of herself; so if you want to see her, ask Mr. Fischer for the letter.

F.F.A. Boys to Attend Mercedes Show

Approximately thirty Future Farmers of America will attend the annual livestock show to be held in Mercedes Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 20-22. The boys will be accompanied by their sponsor, M. N. Smith.

Six calves and six hogs will be entered, and capons will be exhibited at the livestock show. The calves will be entered by Darrel and Donald Schulz and the F.F.A.; the hogs by Russell Vos, Dean Dillon, Ray Dyer, and Bill McKee. Bobby Mitchell will exhibit the capons.

The club will attend the show all day Friday and study the entries from other towns.

Dear Richard:

Please open the door, Richard; I have so much to tell you. I've just emptied the VACUUM CLEANER, so here goes!

HOWARD McFARLAND and MARJORIE, RAY JACKSON and JACKIE spent last Friday at Delta Lake on a picnic.

Flash!! RAY JACKSON and JACKIE ALLEN aren't going steady anymore. What's wrong, you two? Did you have a spat at the picnic?

Scoop!! JEN SCHRITTER and BUSTER BENNETT (Donna) are going steady. Does that Donna boy give you a thrill, JEN?

At the Science Club dance were the following couples: BILLY JOE and EVA MAE, RAY and JACKIE, KEN and ZOE, CARLINE and ED McLEAISH, ED and LORETTA, LOWELL McALPIN and MADELINE McAFEE (Mercedes), BAKER and MARY DELL FITZGERALD, JOHN ELLIS and BILLIE GRAY ANDREWS.

There was one wonderful party given at ZOE'S Saturday night. It was given in honor of HOMER RYAN and ZOE on their birthdays. Seen enjoying the party were KEN and ZOE, HOMER and FRANCES, REECE and PAT MARTIN, ED FISHER and ANN, NORMAN and ,BETTY JUNE RAY and JACKIE, and HOWARD and MARJORIE.

Flash!! ELLA DEAN and EDDIE were back together over the weekend! Sounds good, kids.

KENNETH WOOD and DOREEN YODER were together a number of times over the weekend.

PEGGY, DORIS JEAN, ELLA DEAN, and EMMA JEAN were seen several times during the week and over the wekeend with some Mission boys. You're not forming a habit, are you, girls?

The Frenesi girls seem to really enjoy those slumber parties. They had another one Friday night at PAT MARTIN'S.

This is all for now, Richard. I'll write you more next time.

Love,
Kilroy

30 Students to Represent W.H.S. in Literary Events At Pharr March 28-29

Twelve Contests to Be Entered in Junior, Senior Divisions of League Meet

Weslaco literary entires for the Spring Interscholastic 31 A League Meet to be held in Pharr March 28-29 have been completed, according to A. C. Murphy, principal. Thirty students from Weslaco will be represented in the literary events.

Nine Valley schools—Rio Grande City, Mission, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Donna, Weslaco, Mercedes, La Feria, Lyford, and Raymondville—will enter the meet.

Entries in the literary events are as follows:

Debate: Loretta Shields, Hal Potts, James Forrest.

One-act play: Jimmy McAlpin, Glenna Ruth Holman, Betty June Boles, Bobby Hankel.

Declamation: Senior Girls' Division—Nancy Solether, Sally Nicklas, Frances Hudson. Senior Boys' Division—Richard McCollum. Everett McAuley, Robert Fields, Richard Babb.

Extemporaneous Speech: Dillie Nicklas, Ballard Bennett.

Shorthand: Juanita Cantu, Viola Villarreal.

Typing: Carlene Lobitz, Joveta Johnson, Carine Bradford, Jimmy McLeaish.

Senior Ready Writing: Ballard Bennett.

Junior Ready Writing: Martha Pickard, Mary Ann Dreyer.

Senior Spelling: Betty June Voelkel, Jimmy McAlpin, Loretta Shields, Juanita Cantu.

Junior Spelling: Kathleen Geraughty, Ninfa Cardona.

Slide Rule: Kenneth Jones, Hal Potts.

Mansfield, Evans Present Program

Emanuel Mansfield, Negro concert tenor, and Bob Evans, Indian accompanist, presented a program before an enthusiastic junior-senior high auditorium Wednesday, March 12, at 3 o'clock.

A. C. Murphy, principal, introduced the singer, who in turn introduced his accompanist.

The program was a varied one, consisting of Negro spirituals and semi-classical numbers. During the intermission Mr. Evans played several piano numbers.

Mrs. R. P. Sherry, P.T.A. president, gave a short explanation of the ways the money from these entertainments is to be used. The P.T.A. is planning to sponsor a series of game nights for the student body. There will be ballroom and folk dancing, various types of games, and refreshments. The first of these is to be soon.

W.H.S.'s Neighbors Seem Busy Also

The juniors and seniors of Falfurrias will have their annual banquet March 21. The juniors ordered their class rings February 25.

Seventy-eight boys of McAllen High School turned out for spring training on the first day.

McAllen High School students have been taking aptitude tests also.

The San Benito Lettermen's Club was honored with a Mexican Supper by a cafe owner of that city.

Spring Training To Begin March 31

"Spring training for the 1947 Panthers will begin Monday, March 31, and will last four weeks, Coach Grady Hester stated Monday.

Mr. Hester said that during the time fundamentals and principals of football will be taught. He is expecting a large squad to attend spring training.

"A number of graduating seniors, hoping to play college football, will also attend spring training," Mr. Hester said.

The Weslaco speedsters were invited to Pharr-San Juan-Alamo for a practice track meet. Although there were only three schools participating in the events, it was interesting. The purpose of this meet was to find out the weaknesses of the teams.

Spring is here again, boys. Ye ole gridiron grind will start again March 31.

The junior track boys attended the annual Valley Track Meet held at Pharr Saturday. The preliminaries were run off Saturday, and the finals were held Tuesday.

Wilson Attends N.E.A. Convention

"It was the best Administrator's Convention I have ever attended," declared Joe H. Wilson, superintendent. Mr. Wilson has just returned from the Administrators session of the National Education Association Convention at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Representatives from elementary, high schools, and colleges all over the United States were present at the convention.

Included in the program were the following speakers: Senator Robert H. Taft, who spoke on "Federal Aid to Public Schools;" Mayor Humphries of Minnesota on "improvements Needed in Public Schools;" and John Kieran on "School Athletics." John Kieran said, "The only way to avoid trouble with high school athletics is to admit all people free to all games."

"The topics most discussed were teachers' strikes and financing public schools," stated Mr. Wilson.

The entertainment included the New Jersey All-State High School Band and the All-Girl orchestra.

Mr. Wilson is having a "swell" time since his return, as he has the mumps. He flew home from Atlantic City in order not to have to stay there during his illness.

Some very mean man said: "There are three kinds of women: the beautiful, the intelligent, and the majority."

40 Teachers Attend Meeting in Corpus

Approximately forty teachers and principals of the Weslaco schools attended the annual District 3 Teachers' Conference held in Corpus Christi, Friday, March 14.

Meetings were held at the Ritz Theater, Baptist Church, and the high school auditorium in Corpus Christi.

Speakers for the various meetings were Dr. Ralph Tyler, Dean of Department of Education at the University of Chicago; Dr. Harold C. Hunt, Superintendent of Kansas City, Missouri, Public Schools; and Dr. William F. Russell, Dean of Columbia University.

Many of the teachers left for Corpus Christi early Friday morning and returned the same day.

Typing Classes Vary Routine

"All Typing I classes are typing figures this week," stated Miss Williams. "They will drill on this for a week. Different types of figures will be typed. Among the drawings are dogs, faces, and many other figures."

W.H.S. Has One of 7 Wonders of World

Is this a "jam" session?

One of the seven wonders of the world is how the studes, after being in the hall for two minutes between classes, are still alive. Nobody can quite figure out what keeps the students from being mutilated.

Perhaps you start for Mrs. Carrothers' class, but you mysteriously find yourself in Miss Williams' typing class. It is said that studes have even been seen walking backwards without knowing it.

Those "hen-pecked" boys that insist upon walking their "steadies" to class often find it embarrassing when trying to explain to Mr. Murphy why they are late to their own class. They always insist that the halls were "so crowded" that they just couldn't make those last few steps before the bell rang.

Soph Write Poems

Carl M. Fischer's English II Literature classes are writing ballads. The ballads are to be on the Martins and the Coys, those reckless mountain boys.

McAlpin, Potts Recently Chosen Outstanding Students By Classes

Perhaps you have noticed a tall blond-haired boy walk across the campus. As he walks, he stops to talk and laugh with different ones as he passes.

This good-natured boy, Reece McAlpin, is a senior in W.H.S., who makes the honor roll and belongs to numerous clubs and activities.

Reece is one of W.H.S.'s busiest boys, being president of the Senior Class and of the Choral Club.

Besides being an active worker in the Roliki and Little Broadway Clubs, he finds time to come every morning before school to sing in the chorus.

Reece was recently a candidate in the Popularity Contest for best all-around student. He was named the outstanding student in mathematics and physics in the "Who's Who in Classes" poll. He also was chosen the most ambitious boy, best-natured boy, and best all-around student by the Senior Class.

This popular stude played the part of the school principal in the Senior Play.

All of these things certainly prove that Reece is definitely one of W.H.S.'s best students.

Hal Potts, that handsome and brilliant junior who has been recently elected most talented boy, most ambitious boy, and best all-around student as well as being outstanding in chemistry and history, is indeed, one of the leading students in W.H.S.

Hal is a second year letterman of the Panther team and has been on the All-Valley team for two years. He also participates in basketball, baseball, and track.

Although he comes out for sports, Hal is still on the superior honor roll; and when graduation honors are mentioned, he has a gleam in his eye.

Hal is vice-preisdent of the Roliki Club, vice-president of the Choral Club, Master Counselor of the DeMolay, and a member of the Order of the Arrow.

WHS To Be Well Represented In Athletic Events of Spring Meet in Pharr This Week-End

Most Events to Begin Saturday at 9 a.m.; Finals to Start at 3 p.m.

Although the list of the atheltic events for the District Interscholastic League was sent to the director general last week, it was not available for last week's paper.

The athletic events are to be held in Pharr. Track and field preliminaries will start at 9 o'clock Saturday morning and the finals iwll begin at 3 o'clock Saturday.

Entries in the track events are as follows: 100-yard dash—Ray Jackson, Howard McFarland; mile run—Sam Arredondo, James Forrest; 200-yard low hurdle—Ballard Bennett, Baldwin Thompson; 220-yard dash—Ray Jackson, Howard McFarland, Baldwin Thompson.

440 yard dash—Homer Ryan, Ray Cleckler; 880-yard run—Jimmy Kelly; mile relay—Ballard Bennett, Hal Potts, Homer Ryan, Ray Cleckler; 440-yard relay—Ballard Bennett, Ray Jackson, Bob Guess, Howard McFarland.

Entries in the field events are as follows: Pole vault—Jerry Waggoner, Corwin Block; broad jump—Howard McFarland, Ray Jackson; high jump—Ballard Bennett, Ray Cleckler, Bob Guess; shot put—Ballard Bennett, Bob Guess; discuss—Jimmy McAlpin, Bob Guess.

In the Junior Division of track events the following boys are taking part: 50-yard dash—Francisco Luna, Mario Womble, Bobby Bembow; 100-yard dash—Francisco Luna, Mario Womble, Bobby Bembow; 440-yard relay — Francisco Luna, Mario Womble, Bobby Bembow; Hector Garza.

The Junior field events are as follows: high jump—Bobby Bembow, O. B. Hughes, Hector Garza. broad jump—Francisco Luna, Mario Womble, Hector Garza; pull-up—Francisco Luna, Hector Garza, Mario Womble.

Baseball events will start at 10 o'clock Thursday afternoon and again Friday at 1 o'clock. The finals will start at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

The Senior High Boys' baseball team consists of Ballard Bennett, Donald Jenkines, Ray Cleckler, Glenn Martin, Homer Ryan, Baldwin Thompson, Hal Potts, Norman Watson, Ray Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Billy Jordan, and Kenneth Sherry.

The Senior High Girls' baseball team includes Corine Bradford, Betty Jean Voelkel, Katheryn Eoff, Pattie Sue Schelhammer, Jean Elston, Maria Cadena, Betty Boyd, Mary Campos, Patty Pregenzer, and Jane Bartley.

Junior High Boys' baseball team consists of Floyd McFarland, Maurice Allen, Everett McAuley, Ralph Knott, Dick Ryan, Robert Armstrong, Joe Lackey, Don McNeeley, Bob Guess, Don Blanton, Dale Jackson, and Cato Christensen.

Junior High Girls' baseball team includes Oleane Riley, Kathryn Cleckler, Rosemary Evans, Roberta Goodey, Evelyn Haas, Mary Jean Wortham, Jo Ann Wortham, Edwina Stanley, Mary Sue Hampton, Martha Ann Knapp.

Ward Girls' soft ball team is composed of Lorene Eoff, Hazel Link, Shirley Barth, Minifa Cardona, Mary Bembow, June Miller, Kathryn Geraughty, June Smith, Carolyn Roberson, Shirley Wise, and Madia Womble.

Volley ball events start at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and the finals start at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Senior Boys' Volley Ball team is as follows:

Hal Potts, Ballard Bennett, Ed McLeaish, Glenn Martin, Donald Jenkines, Bob Guess, Baldwin Thompson.

Senior Girls' Volley ball team: Corine Bradford, Betty Jean Voekel, Kathryn Eoff, Jean Elston, Mary Campos, Jane Bartley.

FFA Boys Net $234 Profit On Two Calves

Several Ribbons Won on Individual Entries in Show

A profit of $234 was realized by the local F.F.A. boys when two calves entered by the club were sold at auction for $639 at the Livestock Show held in Mercedes Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 20, 21, and 22. The highest price from Weslaco was the 39 cents a pound paid for one of the calves entered by members of the chapter. The other calf brought a little more than 33 cents a pound.

Of the six calves entered, four placed "choice" and two "good." These belonged to Donald and Darrell Schultz and to the F.F.A. Chapter. Three of the calves placed in the "10 best Valley-bred calves" division.

Four hogs placed "prime" and one placed "choiced" from the hogs entered by Russell Vos, Dean Dillon, and Ray Dyer. Dean Dillon's hog received a blue ribbon and the other four received red ribbons. Ray Dyer also won a pig in the pig scramble.

Twenty-four boys from the Chapter and their sponsor, H. M. Smith, attended the show all day Friday. Some attended parts of Thursday and Saturday also.

Flu Strikes Profs, Students of W.H.S.

The flu struck W.H.S. last week. Miss Sibyl Fowler and Carl M. Fisher were out part of the week and a number of students were or are out with it also.

Donald Jenkines: "When George admitted that he had cut down the cherry tree, his father didn't touch him. Know why?"

Eddie Henson: "Sure. George had the hatchet in his hand."

Time Schedule Is Prepared For Meet

Ribbons Will Be Given to Winners

Final arrangements have been made for the annual conference A Spring Meet to be held at the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High Schcol March 27-29.

According to information sent out from League Headquarters, the following schools are eligible to participate in the Conference A Spring Meet: Rio Grande City, Mission, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Donna, Weslaco, Mercedes, La Feria, Lyford, and Raymondville.

Printed ribbons will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners. Only one ribbon will be given to each place in playground ball, volley ball, and One-Act Play.

There will be no admission charges at any of the contests of the Spring Meet. Expenses of the Meet will be divided equally among the schools actually participating.

The time schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday

2:00 p.m.—Debate Preliminaries, Room 302.

6:30 p.m.—One-Act Plays begin.

Friday

7:30 p.m.—Declamations in High School Auditorium.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. — Number Sense — Eighth Grade, Room 207, High School—High School, Room 208, High School — Shorthand, Commercial Room, High School.

10:00 a.m.—Ready Writing, Room 301, High School—Slide Rule, Room 302, High School.

11:00 a.m.—Typing, Commercial Room, High School.

12:00 a.m.—Spelling, Junior High—5th and 6th grades, Room 305—7th and 8th Grades, Room 307—High School, Room 202, Senior High—Extemporaneous Speech High School Library.

1:00 p.m.—Debate Finals—Room 302, High School.

They Won't Be With Us Much Longer

"Just a few more weeks, and I'll be through! What will I do then? Oh, well, why worry? Others have survived; so can I." Thoughts similar to these run through a senior's mind about this time every year. This year's Senior Class is no exception.

Before graduation comes, however, the class is busy with all the spring activities of a graduating class. The seniors have chosen their caps and gowns, ordered invitations, and are planning the commencement and Baccalaurate services. The Senior Play has already been presented and Kid Day is being looked forward to with great anticipation. Some thought has been given to the Junior-Senior football game and the Junior-Senior banquet.

Yes, under classmen, the seniors seem to be the most important people in the world right now, but just think, someday we'll be seniors, too—maybe.

Let's Cut the Pushing and Shoving!

"My, this is certainly an overcrowded school."

This might well be a remark made by a visitor at one of our assemblies, and it is no wonder that he should think so, judging by the way we students push and shove on our way into the auditorium.

Furthermore, after we are once inside the room, we do not wish to o to the balcony if we are unable to find seats downstairs.

It is embarrassing to Mr. Murphy to have to yell at us to go upstairs every time we have an assembly.

In addition to the fact that we don't want to occupy seats in the balcony, we usually break a Weslaco High School tradition. This tradition is that the Seniors should occupy the front part of the right side and the Juniors the front part of the left one. The students should also remain in their places until all the Seniors have marched out of the auditorium.

This is a courtesy which the student body owes to the Senior Class. Let's all be just a little more orderly in assemblies.

In closing I should like to say that the students should be commended on their excellent attention to assembly speakers.

It Won't Be Long Now!

Next Tuesday the Journalism Class will put out the most looked forward to paper of the year, the LIRPA LOOF LOW-LIFE. In this paper, our sponsor, who is usually a strict censor, relaxes her censorship and permits almost anything to be published.

However, all that appears in the LIRPA LOOF is intended as good-natured fun and is as far from the truth as possible. No reflection is cast upon anything or anybody.

In this special edition of the paper, only ridiculous situations are described throughout in order to make this an enjoyable paper. These are not intended to offend anyone.

The staff promises a very amusing paper which everyone will enjoy reading.

Norman to Betty June: You have dancing eyes; they're both over your nose sitting this one out.—**Mission Feather.**

Mr. Sansing: "If you had x apples and y oranges and gave 11 of them to your friends, what would you have?"

Jerry Waggoner: "I'd have my head examined!"

A surprising foursome at the Wagon Friday night were JOHN ELLIS and MARJORIE ROGERS, BAKER OSBORNE and JACKIE ALLEN.

KEN and ZOE, JOHN SIMSON (Austin) and DORIS JEAN, BILLY JOE and EMMA JEAN were at the track meet Saturday night.

CARL LOBITZ (that woman hater) has finally given the women a chance. The lucky girl is PATSY POTTS. They were also seen at the local theater with CAROLINE CARROTHERS and BOBBY ROSS.

It is rumored that DOREEN YODER is going steady with KENNETH WOOD (Donna).

The couple of the week is DORIS JEAN and ED FISHER. Friday night this couple went to the Stock Show.

Friday night brought HAL and BARBARA EWING (Mercedes), RAY and PATTIE SUE to the Stock Show, also.

PAT KEEN was with HOMER RYAN two nights this week. Is this becoming a habit, HOMER?

BETTY JEAN and DIZZY aren't going steady now—that's bad news, kids.

ANN and ED were together again Sunday afternoon and night. ED was also seen with ELLA DEAN Sunday evening—tricky, isn't he?

LORETTA SHIELDS and ED BARNETT have been seeing a lot of each other this week-end.

"SCOTTY" was with OTTO Saturday night at the track meet in Donna.

PEGGY HULL was with a McAllen boy over the weekend.

DORIS JEAN, EMMA JEAN, BILLY JOE, JERRY, and JIMMY had fun swinging in the swings at the Drive-in.

GLENNIS had a car load of kids Friday night at the Stock Show. WILMA, what was wrong with the Neon sign?

NORMAN and BETTY JUNE went to the midnight show in Mercedes Friday night.

Say, LORETTA, you and ED BARNETT must be hitting it off OK, as he gave you his football last Monday! It really looks good!

25 Girls Compose Tumbling Class

"Oh, my aching back!"

This is a familiar remark among W.H.S. girls after the tumbling class for girls organized by Cy Pickens on Tuesday nights.

Approximately twenty-five girls attended the first meeting of the class on March 18. Since that time the girls moan about having a twisted back, cracked head, flattened nose, or a cauliflower ear.

The girls claim that if one wants a new slant on life, the tumbling class is the answer to her prayers. The next day after tumbling she will feel tangled, twisted, and upside-down.

14 New Members Are Initiated Into L.B.

Fourteen new members of Little Broadway were formally initiated into the club Tuesday, March 18, in the junior high auditorium.

The auditorium was decorated in purple and gold, with candles and flowers used on the stage. Julius Knebel, master of ceremonies, welcomed the initiates into the club. Ventura Castaneda made the response. New members were given corsages of irises. Forming a circle around the auditorium and holding lighted candles, they repeated the oath of membership and marched out.

Shields, Castaneda Are Prominent In Classes, Activities; Win Honors

Loretta Shields, energetic little blond in W.H.S. is one of the most popular students on the campus. In the recent "Who's Who" contest she was selected by her teachers as the most outstanding student in English and in Choral Club. The Junior Class also elected her as the most talented girl in their class.

Loretta is drum major of the Band and student director of the school chorus. Since she is so energetic and has excellent ideas for games, she was chosen the social chairman of the Junior Class.

Although Loretta is very busy with her school work, she will enter the debate and spelling contests of the Interscholastic 31A League Meet to be held in Pharr March 28-29.

Another outstanding student of W.H.S. is Ventura Castaneda. Ventura is a good-looking Latin-American boy that stands 5 feet 9 inches tall. He has dark, wavy hair, and brown eyes, and weighs 133 pounds.

Ventura was selected by his teachers as the best journalism and shorthand student of the 1946-47 year. The Senior Class also elected him as the most talented boy of their group.

Ventura is an outstanding person on the school paper and annual. The first semester he was assembly reporter and typist for the HI-LIFE. He is now editor of the paper. He is also secretary of the shorthand class, a member of Little Broadway, and snapshot editor and typist of La Palma.

Girls' Softball Team Practices

Practices for girls' junior and senior softball teams are being held at 4 o'clock every afternoon. The junior high school team is composed of girls under fifteen years of age, while the senior high team includes girls over fifteen.

The junior and senior teams will participate in the District Meet at Pharr on March 27, 28, 29.

The girls will wear uniforms of white shorts and blouses and purple caps.

Bulletin Board Kept by Scribes

Have you ever noticed the attractive bulletin board in Miss Black's room? Each week a different Journalist changes the board twice. The articles are very interesting and educational, and a few funny cartoons can always be found.

Chorus to Sing For Kiwanis Club

The High School Chorus will sing for the Kiwanis Club today in the Cortez Ballroom, according to Miss Sibyl Fowler, director.

Good morning, good morning, good morning! And how are you all this fine Wednesday morning? Here's your columnist with the usual daily chatter.

Those kids running around debating with themselves, spelling every word that is said, and trying out speeches on anyone who will listen are only those who have entered the Interscholastic League contests this year.

The Journalism Class is selling tickets again. This time they are to a special assembly featuring something entirely different from anything we have had this year—a dog act and a trained pony. Tickets will be sold at Miss Blacks office now to all those who have not already bought one. You don't even need to say, "Open the door, Richard." Just go to her window, but don't step on the Roliki flowers!!

Girls' baseball began last week. The girls have been practicing every afternoon after school. Girls' tumbling classes also began last Tuesday. Here's a good chance for you girls to work off some excess energy!

Don't forget to buy a Low Life come April 1!!

The last shipment of the LA PALMA went off this week. You kids can be assured of having a good annual again this year!!

Congratulations to Ventura Castaneda, Peggy Hull, Doris Potts, Bondy Harmon, Jerry Waggoner, and Kenneth Jones, who have qualified for Quill and Scroll this year.

Did you see all those sunburned girls around the campus Monday? They were the ones who ventured up to Walker Lake Saturday for the Girl Reserve picnic. Did you have fun, girls?

Ray Dyer, Donald Schultz, Darrell Schultz, Russel Yes, and Dean

FROM THE SIDELINES

The Weslaco track team participated in the Annual Donna Relays held last Saturday. The team made a very good showing, winning second place in the mile relay and second place in the sprint relay. Personal honors go to Ballard Bennett, who won third place in the 100-yard dash and Howard McFarland, who took second place in the 220-yard dash. The entire track team made a total of eleven points for the meet.

The girls' and boys' baseball teams have been practicing every afternoon for the district meet, which is to be held Thursday through Saturday at Pharr.

Weslaco will be well represented in the Interscholastic meet to be held at Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School, Thursday through Saturday. Approximately thirty-six boys will represent Weslaco in the track and field events.

Eight Girls to Try For Cheerleaders Tomorrow

Eight sophomore girls, candidates for cheerleaders, will be presented in assembly tomorrow morning, and voting will take place on the campus at noon.

Jody Farina and Rosalie Lively, senior cheerleaders, have been training the girls since Monday, March 10.

The girls who will be presented are as follows:

Pattie Sue Schellhamer, Joveta Johnson, Betty Blanton, Lorene Childers, Corine Bradford, Leola Mae Norman, Jane Bartley, and Elsie Jean McAlpin.

The results of the election will be announced in next week's HI-LIFE.

Dillon won honors with their entries in the Livestock show last week. Ray and George Thompson showed the two chapter calves, which placed in the "choice" and "good" divisions. Good going, boys!!

41 Seniors Hope To Graduate From W.H.S. May 22

Forty-one seniors are candidates for graduation in May, according to A. C. Murphy, principal. Of these, 20 are girls and 21 are boys. Six girls and fourteen boys are working for academic diplomas.

Those who plan to obtain academic diplomas are as follows:

Ballard Bennett, Juanita Cantu, Ventura Castaneda, Maurice Clevinger, Billy Ford, James Forrest, Bondy Harmon, Glenna Ruth Holman, Kenneth Jones, Julius Knebel, Patsy Martin, Patsy McBride, Charles McWhorter, Dillie Nicklas, Eaker Osborne, Mildred Pate, John Ellis Sawyer, Jerry Waggoner, Norman P. Watson, and Reece McAlpin.

The following candidates will graduate with geenral diplomas:

Maria Alvarez, Edwin Barnett, Barbara Crosby, Jody Farina, Jack Frasier, Anadelia Garza, Belen Garza, Herminia Guerra, Robert Henricksen, Eloise Harrison, Rosemary Jennings, Donald R. Jenkines, Rosalie Lively, Lino Milano, Oralia Morales, Rubin Minton, Elia Perez, Lucille Purl, Bob Rankin, Mrs. Janet Rankin, and Viola Villarreal.

Don't Miss Dog, Pony Show Today At 9; Adm. 20 Cents

Have you ever seen white Siberian Samoyedes and a Siberian Husky? You haven't? Then here's your chance!

All of this and "Shangle," a trained pony, will appear in person today at 9 a.m. in the Junior-Senior High School auditorium. Admission is only 20 cents, and tickets may be obtained from any member of the Journalism Class.

In addition to getting to miss your first-period class, you'll see a good show. Let's go!

Have you heard the story about the peacock? A beautiful tail.

Live and learn—die and forget it all.—**Mission Feather.**

Loretta, you certainly have made a keen drum major this year. Keep up the good work.

Alex Westbrook

Dear Loretta,
Here's best luck as Drum Major next year! It's been nice knowing you!

Love ya!

Gail

Dear Loretta,
I've enjoyed playing bass drum while marching for you this year. I'll always remember making first in Harlingen. I hope I can be in band with you next year.

Charlie

To a plenty swell drum Major I enjoyed being under you.

always Edward Conyan (squirt)

Hey Woman,
you are one swell girl and I wish you the best of everything.

Love,
Ray Jackson

To a wonderful student conductor, drum major, — sta. and all-around girl. Know you're going places.

Loves,
Carol J.

Best wishes and good luck to a sweet girl who deserves the very best.

Thilma Walker

Best wishes for the future. I know there's no one to say I hope you succeed in everything you undertake. Why? Because you don't, something is bad with you!

Love,
Margaret H.

Dear Loretta,
Idella wishing you all the best of luck. We've had a lot of fun together during this football season and we've had a hard time not to chat from one hour to the other. Best wishes & more much success in the future.

Mary Nell Davenport

Loretta,
Wishing you the best of luck in the future.

Love,
Ray Jackson

Dearest Loretta,
Were you first cousin here, we might have been a little lonesome; but now all is changed, and we love and admire you greatly. Shall I wish you good breathing? Keep up that good ole -o-a-ah- oo.

Love ya,
Earlene Lobby

Dear "Slinkie"
no air Lahoit". Don't forget all the fun we had during our Junior. Be good & don't go to too many shows.
Homer

Be a top-notch drum major who is really super!!
Ed McDonald
Remember Chemistry
gal
Jerry

Best of luck in future years.
Tommy Hyppa

Here's to an excellent Drum Major. Band would'nt have been the same without you.
Good Luck
Bob Hankal

Best wishes & Val.
Duell Sommerdorf

Best of luck
Wayland Wallin

May you have all the success in the world; for you deserve it, & anyone else.
Mary Ellen

To the best Drum Major Waldo has ever had.
Howard

To a swell gal. Remember a swell sunburn at the Junior Senior Banquet. Let's not get into anything like that again

James Nelson

Dear ~~Ro~~ Loretta,
Best wishes always. I will be looking forward to seeing you in band next year anyway till next year. (Jake)

Tom

To a very swell drum major. And a very sweet person.

Mary Walker

To a Sir. very fine Mary Lou Rutherford

Loretta,

you are a very talented girl and I have enjoyed knowing you. Those dialogues of yours just kill me. May you get your just rewards in the future.

Ballard

Best of luck to a swell gal. Be good and don't change! Ray Shideler

I had the best time any one person could possibly have while I was going with you. You're the best dancer and sweetest girl I have ever known. Stay as cute and lovable as you are now.

As always
"Love" Ed Barnett

Lucky to have had a date with such a swell girl